Dear Father Aloysius,

Mike is recovering beautifully. The doctor seems quite concerned, but to me, our little darling is happy -- that's what matters. He is receiving Holy Communion daily while he is at the hospital. We expect to bring him home Saturday or Sunday.

They operated on the patent ductus, a duct which normally closes at birth. He still has the hole in the wall. I saw the doctor last night while I was visiting Mike. He said he hopes the pressure will go down. If it does, the risk for the next operation should be considerably lessened. He would like to recatheterize in 4 to 6 months. I imagine we're still working against time and the sooner Mike gets his strength back, the sooner he will be able to withstand these tests.

It seems to me that Mike is so very much closer to God now. It's so natural and he's so content. He is wearing the green scapular and is fortified with numerous medals, all of which he must have. They tried to remove them so that they could Xray him but Mike wouldn't have that. He knows what counts!

He was in critical condition for a few days after the operation, but now he wheels himself around the hospital corridors in a wheel chair. And soon he'll be home. We are very anxious for that day. We'll keep you posted of anything new.

Yours in the Sacred Hearts,

Marion & Bob Levstik

Notaría Parroquial

SAHUAYO, MICH.

COPIA CERTIFICADA DE ACTA MATRIMONIAL

El que suscribe, Párroco de esta ciudad, CERTIFICA:- que en este archivo obra el libro número Quince que contiene partidas de matrimonio y que a folios cincuenta y ocho (frente) del mismo se encuentra una partida que a la letra dice: Al margen: Exp. Mat. No 79 Núm. 229 del año de 1940.

Dentro: "En la Parroquia de Sahuayo, del Obispado de Zamora, a tres--- de enero de mil novecientos cuarenta yo el Pbro. Dn. Antonio Guízar-- Sr. Cura, previos requisitos prescritos por el Derecho, asistí al matrimonio de José M. Granados Moreno hijo legítimo de José M. y M. Jesús que viven, originario de) y vecino de aquí de veintiún años de edad de profesión jornalero; con Josefina Ochoa Andrade hija legítima de Fermín y Carmen que viven originario de) y vecina de aquí de dieciseis años de edad, recibiéndoles sus mutuos consentimientos que expresaron por palabras de presente, suficiente para hacer verdadero y legítimo matrimonio, les impartí las Bendiciones Nupciales en el ----; fueron testigos: Juan López y María González vecinos de aquí, quienes hacen constar lo expresado juntamente con los contrayentes; y no firmaron. Doy fe Anto. Guízar -firmado-

Es copia fiel tomada del original.

Sahuayo, Mich México, a los treinta y uno días del mes de agosto de mil novecientos sesenta y dos.



Dear Father Aloysius:

It is good to greet you on this, your very special Feast of our Holy Mother.

You always so courteously ask after the family, and always, it seems, I have something to report in the way of a sacrifice that God asks.

However, <u>this</u> time, I can also report a rather heartening experience. Remember, my brother-in-law who recently became a convert to the Faith?

As is so often the case, he met with some opposition and a certain amount of derision from his own brother (a non-Catholic, of course).

But, one of my other brothers-in-law (a non-Catholic) undertook to tease and jibe at Ed for "getting religion", as he phrased it. But, our Ed very ably "took up the cudgel", by way of replying that he was and is most grateful for the Gift of the Faith. And, <u>then</u> he told my other brother-in-law that <u>he</u> should be the one to also embrace the Faith -- by way of gratitude to God! First, for the good wife he has and good children; and then, for the merciful and wonderful way in which God restored him to health -- in 1957 this man hovered between life and death, and was ill for quite a few months.

At that time, he was hospitalized (in New Orleans) at the Mercy Hospital, where the Aunt of his daughter-in-law is a Sister of Mercy (and, indeed, was in charge of his floor). He was so grateful at the time for all the prayers -- he attributed his recovery to them. But, it was surprising to me to have my sister tell me how Ed reminded him of all this

Incidentally, Father, Ann (my godchild in Tokyo) has now written her Mother that not only the little 2½ year old girl has the tubercular condition, but now the tests show positive on the little 1½ year old baby boy. Thanks be to God, though, they are now in better housing conditions, and won't have to face another Winter under the primitive conditions of the last Winter.

Thursday

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.
Claretian Missionaries
1119 Westchester Place
Los Angeles 19, California

Dear Father Aloysius:

Not too long ago I wrote you in behalf of the Sister Barbara Rosary Group and ask for your prayers for Mrs. Ann Gaughan, St. Paul, Minnesota, who is ill with cancer. She seems to be in the last stages of the disease, and we ask that you continue to remember her, also her good husband.

Father Joseph Lewinski, we understand, recently was told at St. Anthony's Hospital here that he is completely filled with cancer, and inasmuch as he visited you a year or so, thought we should have a Mass offered for him, as well as Mrs. Gaughan, and others afflicted with serious ailment. Would like to include in this intention the following, whom we pray for each Thursday in the intention to St. Anthony Mary Claret: Jackie Conway (cancer), Mrs. Goforth (paralysis from accident), Stephen Gust (polio patient), Mr. and Mrs. Visceck (accident victims) and Fleeta Mezier (mental illness).

Father Aloysius, my husband and I will be in Los Angeles soon on vacation, and were wondering if we could have the privilege of another few minutes' visit with you. We know you have a 24-hour schedule and so many demands on your time, but if we could see you, we would be so grateful. Please let us know if possibly on Wednesday, August 1st, we could tentatively schedule a visit.

Sincerely,

Mrs Ted Szafranski

Mrs. Ted Szafranski

P.S. Am enclosing $5.00 Mass offering from the Rosary Group, also a stamped self-addressed envelope for your reply in connection with visit.

Doris York

17331 RAYMER • NORTHRIDGE, CALIFORNIA

Sunday

Dear Father Aloysius:

As always, it was a tremendous privilege to receive your blessing on First Friday. I thank you greatly and wish I were able to see you on Sundays as well; but the trip into town - thru the traffic - always puts me in bed the next day. Only last week my doctor told me again that I simply must not go to bed or I won't be able to get up. (It's sort of hard to know what to do. In my heart though I feel quite sure that God hasn't kept me here for so long for me to serve Him by staying in bed.)

Father, I would like to ask a great favor of you. Will you, on Monday, July 15th (if rubrics permit) say a very fervent Mass for the intentions and welfare of a non-Catholic? The circumstances are these:

The girl's name is Betty Kippes (Mrs.Fred) to whom I have been giving religious instruction as a member of the Legion of Mary.

She is married to a Catholic boy, twenty seven years of age, one of eight children. His religious faith was given a severe test when he was 16 years old and his mother committed suicide. He failed the test.

Mrs.Kippes is the daughter of very devout and active Lutherans and has had extensive instruction. She feels a filial disobediance in taking my instructions even now, but her condition is one of desparation.

She is pregnant with her seventh child. Three of her first six are mentally retarded. One of these three was drowned in their backyard swimming pool last June (1961).

I have been going to her home and giving her instruction for many weeks. She was most cooperative and told me that she very much wanted to be convinced that ours is the true Faith. However, last week (and I'm afraid tomorrow too she will be the same - or worse) - she has been so totally preoccupied with her apprehension that I can't get through to her.

Over the weeks I have grown to love her very much. She is a gallant little person and a very good one. But, like myself when I first coped with my problem, she can't realize that her Holy Innocents are a rare gift that God gives to those whom He really loves.

She will enter the hospital on the 16th. for an elective Caesarian Section. She may also at that time instruct her obstetrician to render her incapable of another conception. (I've tried very had to convince her that is deliberate disobediance to God's will. One part of her mind agrees with me. Another part is terrified of having another exceptional baby. And my heart goes out to her in her trouble.)

Doris York

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So, dear Father, I am asking you to offer your Mass for her on that day. If she has another abnormal baby, I am very worried about how she will react. She needs the Sacraments so desperately. (I cannot believe that God will let her turn away from Him.) I am offering my Masses, Communions and the Way of the Cross for her every day. I hope He will listen as kindly as He did to my prayers for Roy.

Betty feels responsible for her husband not receiving the Sacraments; her children have all been baptized in the Faith; and she herself has a strongly moral character. So....dear Father, I really believe that God cannot resist the plea of your saintly self.

I know that if she emerges from this dark night of her soul as a Catholic she will, when she comes to realize what the Sacraments mean, be as profoundly grateful to a kind God as I am.

With more gratitude to you than I can express, I am

Sincerely in Our Lady,

Doris

Mrs. John G. Krappmann
9817 - 8 Avenue
Inglewood, California

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Dear Father Aloysius:

My husband asked me to write to you when I visited him yesterday as you were so great a comfort and help to him -

He has been at U C L A Medical Center as I phoned to your secretary who was most kind on the phone -

He has been there and they have helped his Jaundice (I can't write very well as I had some surgery that is bothering my arm as I write but I give thanks to God it was not more serious -) as I told your secretary and they are not sure whether he has Cancer or not as the doctors who performed two surgeries on John did not take any tissue from his pancreas - so here they are

hoping to help John (he is very weak) even tho' he has a germ getting into his liver & acute Colangitis - & a hook-up made by his previous doctors that seems to be faulty that they hope to correct.

They may operate this Thursday - May God be merciful and give John strength and the operation be successful - we are hoping & praying they do not find Cancer, as they said then they can make a new hook-up & he will be like a healthy person again.

He wanted me to write you and is hoping to be well again and visit you personally.

May God Bless You.

Yours truly

Madelyn Kropmann

Please forgive my writing

IF they find cancer they will give him Chemotherapy.

g R, 33198 call Room? Westerfield

Saturday Jan.27th-62

1356 Veteran ave.
Los Angeles 24. Calif.

Dear Father Aloysius

First let me thank you fot vthe very beautiful Christmas card-spiritual bouquet you sent to me.The picture is exquisite both in coloring, the Mass offering of the chalicee and the crib with its precious load coming dowh from heaven.. The remembrance in Mas ses was especially kind and wonderful to receive..Thank you dear Friend..I only wish I lived near you.. but Josie Scott was kind enuf to take me to see you several times also went to Campbells to hen hear you recite the rosary and pray..pray.. Mrs Scott just called me..and said you had been in St Johns and been so cared for by God..so you are well again..I'm glad of that.

My own life is filled with trouble..and I hesitate to ask your help but when praying today to be shown a way out, the phone rang and Mrs Scott said "Why not ask Fathers advice, he is a holy man".. as of course you are..so.. You helped me once to overcome a nervous breakdown as did others thru prayer..I went thru hell as had put myself in a terrible hospital at suggestion of friends?? and thru Gods grace I left in a week tho against the wishes of them there...Wont go int details, but it was the worst place I could think

of..you likely know where I mean.....and did
it MYSELF..more fool me..
Came home ..phoned my husband in Montana and
as I was hysterical he came home.. He sai d
the only answer was Christian science..as he is
one... so I had to have it..but when I got to
where I could drive I started going to Mass
when possible..and loved it of course.....
I became perfectly well..and had a GOOD XMAS..
Tom did not object to my going to ~~church~~ Mass so
much until I became ill again.. as I am now.
Started with flu which I battled alone..but
now its neuritis in back and head..... so I
got afraid as it wakens me at five a.m..scream
ing..so am back where I was.. besides that,he
has lost his position..we owe everyone..had a
notice to move 18th Feb..No money to pay rent
till then..and two dollars to our name...plus
six from my daughter.   SO..heres the trouble.
He insists only CS will save me..curses the
Priests and church..threatens me with an insti
tution if I don't snap out of it..quick and if
I ever go to R.C. religion again..even Mass..
He is working for me in C.S..and has a friend
doing so..I'm too afraid of him to fight....
and too afraid of everything to even think..
Disappointed in myself when I had been given
Gods grace to return to the sacraments and now
(thru my fault) lost it..   How awful not to
be able to go to Mass..   Dear Father what can
I do/   Miracles are possible..I believe so
much in God..and was a daily communicant always
Today I'm tortured between nerves and religion.

I will be looked up

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My dear Father Aloysius, - Just a few lines Father - but with much love and gratitude to our dear Lord and our Lady and their Angels for their successful operation performed last Thursday. Thankyou, Thank you, Father for your prayers &

My friend Lorine Schultz called the evening of the operation to say they felt certain it was prayer that brought William Hart her son-in-law through -

He was on the operating table six hours - Only at the end of seventy two hours could the doctors give a hopeful decision. Today he had a little nourishment. So they are now hopeful and

happy -

I wish to thank you again dear Father most deeply and to wish you many many blessings

Please remember me dear Father I am far from well and so in need of prayers -

Ever gratefully in
The Sacred Hearts of Jesus in Mary
Edith H. Murphy

Monday
Feast of St. Joseph - 1962 -

Sunday

My beloved Marie:

Enclosed is letter just received from the Prior Provincial of the Carmelites - Father Aloysius Nagle, O. Carm., a wonderfully devout and humble Priest of God. If I had been able to remain in New York, it would have been my pleasure to have worked for him and with him. After you have let Father Aloysius read it, you may return it at your convenience. I am overjoyed to know that Father Aloysius will have these faculties permanently - and I am confident not only Fr. Nagle, but you and I and our dear Ones, will share in the graces that will flow therefrom.

You will note that Father Nagle expects to fly to Los Angeles next Saturday, June 2nd - perhaps Father Aloysius could phone him at Mt. Carmel High and leave word for him to call should he not be available at the moment. I would love to have them meet.

By this time, you probably know that my friend, Mrs. Edith Murphy, phoned Father Aloysius last Friday evening to receive his blessing - her strength and endurance are so low following her husband's death a few years ago - but she feels so much better since we included her in all Father's blessings while we had this privilege. She was able to relay the latest on Fr. Jerome O'Hara - he is now rational and daily feeling better - yesterday I heard that he made the remark the day before that he is going to get out of that bed! He must feel the marked improvement - I only hope that St. Anthony Mary Claret will in some manner let him know that he has been God's instrument thru the Masses and prayers of Father Aloysius. We want the Claretians in Cleveland!

Hope you are well and happy, and that you also may get a chance to meet Father Aloysius

Nagle, O. Carm. next week-end when he is in Los A. In some ways, he reminds you of Fr. Frank Parrish, S.J.

It looks like Father Aloysius' prayers in behalf of Justin O'Shea are bearing fruit - he has been put in charge of the Justice Dept. during his Boss' illness, and after turning in a full report of affairs in the Dept. to the Big Chief, received recommendations of excellent work, etc. And Lillian's report from the Dr. again was favorable.

With love and gratitude, and when Mary Ryan and the O'Sheas come this week, we may get a chance to call you and say Hello.

Devotedly,

Evelyn

Easter Sunday - '62

Dear Fr. Aloysius,

Kate "insists" (and you know what that means) that the attached be given now as an Easter offering. As of the moment, it isn't an offering at all. Rather, it is a lien against the U.S. Government pending the receipt of our income tax refund. Since Kate is so "insistent," we will have to let you know when it can be turned over to Fr. Trevino.

You or Fr. Ambrosi may use this mere token of our appreciation in any way that you see fit.

God and Saint Anthony Claret have a wonderful friend in you.

We know they love you.

Kay + Virgil Gauf

CURIA GENERALIS

Praefectura Gubernii

RELATIO A SUPERIORIBUS LOCALIBUS AD SUPERIOREM GENERALEM QUOTANNIS MITTENDA (CIA 132,3)

Ut iuxta monitum ANNALIBUS (1962, p. 347) insertum praescriptum CIA 132 aptius et efficacius adimpleri possit, sequentes normas statuendas duximus:

a) Loco elenchi quaestionum, quibus saepius affirmative vel negative responsum dabatur, praestare visum est ut a Superioribus a proprio penu et iudicio Relatio synthetica conficiatur in qua haec circiter puncta evolvantur:

b) Iudicium de modo et criteriis quibus Superior maior Organismum gubernat; quaenum sit eius fama seu "praestigium" apud subditos; item eius Consultorum.

c) Status generalis personarum et ministeriorum, Relationes Superioris cum Consultoribus et Ministro in regimine Domus ferendo; graviores actus anni transacti.

d) Tempus pro redigenda et mittenda huismodi Relatione intra dies 1-15 mensis ianuarii assignatur; lingua latina vel alia ex usitatiorbus apud nostrates, folio octavo maiori.

J.M.J.

Saint Genevieve-of-the-Pines
Asheville, North Carolina

Reverend and dear Father Aloysius,

I am a Religious of Christian Education stationed at Saint Genevieve in Asheville but studying for this year at Nazareth College in Nazareth, Kentucky.

While at Nazareth I met another sister-student, a Carmelite of the Active Order from Oklahoma City. She was telling me about you Father and about the two cures which took place for Sister Hildegarde and Sister Consuelo of her order. So, I am writing to tell you about a very lovely gentleman whom I know. His wife and children are Catholic and he is an Episcopalian but a Jew by birth. However, he is not at all against Our Church. He is suffering from an incurable (except for a miracle) disease called (I believe) "basal ganglion". I have spoken to his wife about you Father and she is just thrilled to think that there might be a ray of hope for her poor husband. Would you please let me know if he and his wife might come to see you and that you would bless him with the relic of St. Anthony Mary Claret. Would there be any special time (the sooner the better) that you would suggest that they take the trip? She will fly with him for she says she'll do anything to get him cured.

Please, Reverend and Dear Father, remember me

in your good prayers.

I would deeply appreciate a reply at your earliest convenience. And would you kindly address the letter to Nazareth College, Nazareth, Kentucky for after Jan. 4th I will be again back at school.

May God bless you and your magnificent work for Him.

A Happy and Blessed New Year!

Respectfully yours,
Mother Bowman, R.E.C.

13415 S. Berendo
Gardena, California

Reverend Fathers -

A friend gave me a relic + prayer of St. Anthony Claret eight years ago when I was to undergo cancer surgery which was considered most critical. I was spared + have worn my relic daily since. I secured a couple for friends but cannot locate more and several friends have asked me for one. Could you mail me a few and when I am able to do so I shall remember you more generously than the small enclosed donation for mailing expense. May God bless you all. Sincerely

Mrs. W. L. Sims

(SIMS)

R. P. JOANNES A. ELLACURIA, C.M.F.



adscriptus est hodie in albo
huius Societatis.
Romae, 10 Maii 1962.

My dear Father,

Again I am requesting your intercession, this time for a material favor but one so important to my son in a business situation -

One of his products which is sold to paving contractors, has for some inexplicable reason failed to pass the required tests after having been so free from serious trouble until now -

It has been a source of great concern to him these past few weeks, as the season is opening here now and it is most important to unravel this difficulty -

I am asking for your prayers Father on his behalf - The tests will be concluded Thursday May 17th our dear St. Therese's day -

I know Our Lady will not refuse you - I have confidence in your prayers dear Father -

I am better than when I wrote you before, and my doctor told me yesterday I can go out for a little drive some day this week -

My son will take me, and also my doctor has given me permission to visit

Carmel - (just a short distance from my home) for a long hoped for privelege -

William Hart the young father for whom you prayed Father is improving, but he will be quite some time at home with frequent visits to the hospital -

I thank you again Father for your prayers - and I know they are very grateful -

My son has five children Father, 4 boys and one girl -

He is such a wonderful son to me husband and father -

He took charge of his father's business during his father's long illness, and now of course without him I would be in a difficult situation -

There are many more things I would confide to you Father, but this then request at the moment - It means so much so much depends upon the out come -

Ever gratefully and most sincerely - Edith H. Murphy -

In Jesus in Mary -

May thirteenth 1962 -

May Our Lady of Fatima smile on you today and always +

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My dear Father Aloysius,—

Please

forgive this tardy note—
I hoped to write you immediately after talking with you from Cleveland—
The truth is my spirit was so anxiously willing but I am so weak—my endurance so limited—
So belated as this message is I am inexpressively grateful for your intercession and prompt succour of our Dear Saint Anthony Mary Claret, thru the Immaculate, Sorrowful Heart of our Dear Lady—
Our Blessed Lord is indeed generous to the most unworthy of us here below—(I mean, myself)
My son has had definite

assistance, as the past few tests have been approved -
Dear Father my son is a wonderful father, husband and employer -
His business is small - having been founded by his grandfather.
My husband carried it on thru two wars and the depression -
It was the load he bore that crushed him -
Some of the employees have been with Company for twenty-five to thirty years -
Jerry's (my son) secretary told me one day - never have we seen such patience - we shed tears for him but never once has he spoken a harsh word thru all difficulties and disappointments -
So now Father thank you thank you for your blessings -
It was such a beautiful privilege to hear your voice -
The Angels and the Saints, Our Lady and Our Blessed Lord

with the blessings of The Holy
Spirit attend you ever &
I regret so much when I rejoice
with you over my new friend in
heaven, St. Anthony Mary Claret
I failed to say and my dear
friend on earth Father Aloysius
Ellacuria -
I do rejoice dear Father -
Please pray for me - I am
very ill - heart with compli-
cations which I am not informed
about. It is God's Holy Will -
And now Father also I have
a son, mentally ill for thirty
years - At present he is home
with me - altho he has been
under treatment at intervals for
so long -
Also I have a daughter
married to a divorced man -
A true crown of thorns - a
wonderful girl Father -
My fault - I must confess

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My dear Father Aloysius -

Our report from the test of which I wrote to you, was to have been concluded on May 17th - Thursday, did not reach my son until Friday evening and it was an adverse report - Much to our sorrow, in union with the Sorrowful - Immaculate Heart of Mary our mother -

Will you please continue to intercede for us?

I shall write you soon again Hoping to relate our victory -

St Anthony Mary Claret is one of my new and beloved friends -

I need his friendship and yours dear Father -

May all the Angels and Saints be ever at your side -

I implore their intercession in union with St. Martha Ellacuria of whom Evelyn has spoken - Ever gratefully

May 22nd - (In Jesus in Mary) Edith H. Murphy

my ignorance and lack of Catholic education - so she also did not receive the higher Catholic education -

Now you understand Father how desparately I am in need -

Ever gratefully in my prayers -

May Our Lady shower her blessings and favors upon you -

Edith H. Murphy

In Jesus in Mary
May twenty ninth - 1962 -

P. S. The young father about whose serious operation I first wrote you is attending business - a less strenuous situation, but happy and carrying his responsibilities.

I know you will be happy to hear this good news - as I was too - My latest about Father O'Hara was most favorable -

J.M.J.

The Feast of Saint Louis, 1962

Reverend and dear Father,

On Friday, August 24th, I was at your monastery with Sister Barbara Teresa, D.M.J., during her appointment with you. At that time I wanted to make an appointment to talk with you myself, but you were so very busy it did not seem an appropriate time. Therefore, I decided to write to you and enable you to know a little about my reasons for asking to see you.

It is difficult to know where to begin unless it be at the beginning -- My life has been far from exemplary of virtue, yet there has been a near constant desire for the religious life buried very deeply. Each time I would commit a serious offence I would come out of it thinking it was another mark and reason why I could never enter the religious life. Despair of my faults and pride have been my constant downfalls. By God's grace and mercy I have finally realized, in such an infintesimal degree, His Omnipotence -- that nothing is impossible if we trust Him.

About two years ago was the probable beginning of my conversion. It began slowly with a pleading prayer to want to desire to remain in the state of Grace. Throughout my entire life My beloved Savior has been more than generous time and time again -- He could have snatched my dead soul, but didn't, instead, He led me on, infusing a desire -- many desires which seemed manifestations of my pride to me and were perverted and crushed by my foolishness and despair. I was never able to take advantage of His Graces until a recent time -- a result of asking Him "how". I have prayed more to grow in trust in Him, humility within my soul, and above all, to know how to surrender my will totally. My willfulness is so great!

For over a year He has given me the precious gift of fervent prayer almost constantly. It has grown to a point where my prayers are filled with sorrowful joy and accompanied with much crying. It would be impossible to describe in a letter, I cannot find words which fit it. I can only say that I beg Him never to allow my fervor to wain, because I am so weak, I will despair again without His Strength to use.

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The frustrations wrought by my prayers have made me realize what is meant when it is expressed that we are powerless, helpless and so VERY weak... He knows I am the weakest soul He has ever created, because He answers my prayers and the fervor returns. In His mercy He has preserved me from mortal sin. There is so much when seen in retrospect, that is no longer baffling. Through His wisdom He has made me see many things, especially my immaturity of emotion and spirit, my inability to face facts and His will.

Recently, since July 22nd, the day after my first general confession, I had, and have continued to have, interior experiences which I do not fully understand. I have been fearful that it is my very active imagination -- yet in another way I know that He has filled my soul with such lofty, tremendous and farreaching desires that He, in His bountiful mercy will show me the way. I am His most doubting creature so He must filch many consolations from me and put in their places spiritual joys unbounded. He is, I know, sustaining my weakness, by hiding me in His Sacred Wounds.

My greatest concern is that there is little or no regularity in my spiritual life. In retrospect again, I recognize that He has implanted a desire to the interior life which I have ignored with such audacity! I know also that my vocation has been sustained by Him because there is such weakness in me. He created me weak, gave me great desires, offered me grace and sanctity which I have refused so brazenly.

In my unguided stupidity I have tried to avoid inducing anything myself. Not realizing until recently that I could not, even if I tried. That is the part which has me, in a way, confused. I have given up reading anything which might induce a psuedo-mystical atmosphere in my life -- yet He is almost constantly on my mind. When I have forgotten Him for a period, I feel very ashamed and find myself apologizing and renewing my morning offering. My reason for giving up certain spiritual readings is because I found myself trying to identify my "symptoms" much like trying to diagnose a physical illness by reading a medical book. One might start out thinking one has tuberculosis and end up with all the symptoms of gall stones.

These interior experiences have come at times when they have been completely spontaneous bringing a much needed, yet very temporary calm of soul. I say temporary because I again allow my anxiety to confuse me. This has occurred in bed at night -- waking me from sleep -- after Holy Communion and during Mass, to the point of where I become anxious for fear I am willfully distracting myself from the Holy Sacrifice; while doing household chores, and even while driving. My own prayers, as I have said, usually

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end in frustration in the realization of my own powerlessness to cross that abyss that separates Him from me -- and realizing, with so much chagrin, how much I force Him to do, out of His infinite Love, because I am so ignorant of how to please Him properly. There is a way in which I can please Him, He has asked, yet I still don't know what it is.

Again, there are times when I am filled with doubts. Doubts not of Him, nor His attributes, but of my own sanity. Such a turbulent soul has dared invite Him to rest! At these times I am so convinced that this is all my imagination -- yet during the experiences there is no shade of doubt deep within my soul; still my conscious mind is active! My poor Savior has such a time with me, Father! He asks for calm; for interior silence; for patience; for trust, above all; for abandonment of my senses. In my enormous stupidity of things spiritual I cannot give the proper attention to Him. In trying too hard I seem to defeat His grace. He is Patience! During my doubts He patiently instills an infused spark of hope --He allows it to come almost imperceptibly, yet it is there. I know you understand my dilemna, reverend Father. I knew it yesterday when Our Most Holy Redeemer blessed Sister Barbara Teresa and me through your priestly charity.

Of all the improbable instruments He has ever in all time chosen, none has been more impossible, nor difficult to Him, than my soul! Every day that dawns, I make resolutions, with every sun that sets, I have broken those resolutions, committed constant and repeated faults; yet in the joy of my falling I can return to Him with another excuse for grace and repair of a tattered soul -- and I keep going back again and again.

There are times when I think about these experiences and my pride looms before me -- then I nearly panic! Then I realize I am trying to do it myself -- I have dared to bring about false trust in myself.

During our annual novena to Saint Anne, through whose powerful intercession my ulcerated eyes were brought to health some thirty years ago, and for which I have been so ungrateful as to reproach Almighty God -- saying if I were blind I would not have sinned! -- during this last novena I talked with one of the missionaries, a Redemptorist. He told me he looked for an evil element in these experiences and could find none. It was on his advice that I have sought the guidance of a religious priest. In one of my experiences I was infused with the thought that He is my Spiritual Director, the priest whom I shall find will be my confessor. I have talked with two priests, a Paulist and a Franciscan.

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Circumstances are such with both of them that they have told me they do not feel they could properly be of help, and the latter suggested that I put it out of my mind. This has, of course raised more doubts. God forgive me, reverend Father, if I am deceiving you! There are times when I doubt my own sincerity.

Please forgive me if I have committed a breech of protocol in writing to you. Again, I am very ignorant in more than I like to admit. It is in my desparation that I ask for your assistance in this confusions of spirit.

I should like to call your monastery on Monday, September 3. By then you should know if you feel it is worth talking with me and necessary. I have been praying for a number of years for some one who can give me some sound advice.

May God continue to bless you, reverend Father.

I am Trustingly in
Our Most Holy Redeemer,

Colleen Marie McHale
Colleen Marie McHale

1233 Georgina Avenue
Santa Monica, California

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Eve of Assumption
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Dear Reverend Father Aloysius:

The mail just brought the enclosed request from our Mother Provincial. I am overjoyed that she has such confidence in your good prayers. Please ask God to send her subjects for September eighth.

I have just made a

Jesuit retreat in Grand Rapids, and will return to Detroit tomorrow. I ask you to bless my coming year.

Thanks to your help, my Blood-Sugar tests are normal during August. I am deeply grateful for all.

Sincerely in Christ,

Sister Mary Esther,
R.S.M.

Via Aricia 12,
c/o Mae Murrough,
(Trastevere) Rome, Italy
October 30, 1962.

...Reverend ...ther,

For days I have wanted to write to you, but it was only day before yesterday that I had an interview with your Superior General. He has exceedingly friendly and kind and invited me to come again. He seemed to enjoy speaking German and we had a very animated conversation. He has given me some newspapers that will supply information concerning St. Anthony Claret.

I have found a reliquary for St. Anthony Claret which I hope will please you. It is, I believe, more than 2 feet tall and looks impressive. A priest who was staying in our house was with me and thought it beautiful as also does the Jesuit Bishop of Jamaica who also is living here. In fact our whole household thought it lovely, so I felt encouraged, as I am hesitant about depending entirely upon my own taste.

Would you prefer that I have it sent ordinary mail, since air mail is very expensive, or shall I carry it with me? My departure is still an uncertainty. I do not like to fly later than November, which makes my time rather short, and to stay for the winter in inadequately heated houses as most of them are, in Italy & France as well as England, seems inadvisable; so I do not know exactly what to do. Besides, to live here costs me over a hundred dollars a month more than living in California. For this difference I could rather afford coming again next year when winter is past, than remaining now.

Our house here, which is like a home since I am living with friends, has been quite a rendez-vous for bishops and we have had many lovely times with them at luncheon and tea. Last Sunday in addition to our own Bishop we had among other visitors, two Indian bishops and the Bishop of San Diego. Every

Sunday we have had atleast several bishops with us, so we feel in rather close association with the Council.

I went to see Msgr. Dionesi of Santa Cecilia and he remembered you very well and immediately knew what reliquaries you wanted & brought them out to show me. As to the relics, he will attend to them so I shall be seeing him in a few days since it takes some time to procure them. He shook his head over atleast two of them one of which was ST. Adelaide as these will be difficult to obtain. Shall I have him send the three reliquaries, or not?

If I do return to America in November, I shall probably not reach California until after Christmas, as I shall feel obliged to spend Christmas with my aunt in Chicago. We have been concerned about the possibilities of war; but the recent news has been a little more reassuring.

I hope that you are keeping well. Julia has written of the tragic illness of Mrs. Crowl. I feel badly about it. Tomorrow I expect to see the Holy Father in an audience.

My warmest greetings go to you dear Father Aloysius and I enclose also the gracious regards that your Superior General asked me to give you.

Gratefully always,
Maria Buehrle, ссм.

From Maria Buehrle,
12 Via Anicia, Rome,
Italy.

POSTA AEREA

Rev. Aloysius Ellacuria C.M.F.
1119 Westchester Place,
Los Angeles 19,
California, U.S.A.

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PAR AVION BY AIR MAIL
POSTA AEREA

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St. Dominic, 1962

Reverend and dear Father Aloysius,

I am in Grand Rapids for my retreat on Monday.

Thursday, I had time with our Mother Provincial, so I told her of my joy in having your prayers again. She asked me to recommend her interests to your help, dear Father. Four of our Sisters are of great concern now as their mental and physical healths are failing them. We need them so much in our work – S.M. David, Helene, Clarence, and Therese Ann.

Also, Mother was close to her doctorate at U of M when put into office a year ago. She was given an extension of time to finish, and the first assignment must be met August 31. Please bless her work that she may do it as required. I hope to help her after the Assumption (I proof-read a bit, so I need your Blessing, too, please)

I am so grateful, Father for your

kindness in answering my requests. I shall try to keep mine very short, so you will not be bored by them.

The enclosed asks for a Mass of thanksgiving in Little Flower's honor from a Toledo lady for whom you prayed.

Please keep me on your list.

In Mary's and L.F.'s love,

Sister Mary Esther, R.S.M.

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HELPERS OF THE HOLY SOULS
3300 WEST ADAMS BOULEVARD
LOS ANGELES 18, CALIFORNIA

January 8, 1962

Rev. Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.
Claretian Provincial House
1119 Westchester Place
Los Angeles 19, Calif.

Dear Father Aloysius:

I am at something of a loss as to know how to thank you for your blessing that you gave me a week ago Sunday, since this has never happened to me before. Until Saturday night I was so very much better, that I could only attribute it to your prayers. I have a chronic liver disease for which there is no remedy, although the medical profession is endeavoring to find one. I have had it for so many years

now. Grace always seems to attract me toward suffering as a means to save souls. I felt this more than ever on Sunday, so was all the more surprised to find myself so much better. I came down only because my Superiors would be so happy if I could be in the active apostolate again. (Needless to say, I'd be far happier than they if I could also, but I want God's Will above all else.) So I thank you with all my heart for going to such trouble to help me. Perhaps you will continue to pray that God's Will be done.

May I earnestly recommend to your prayers a poor woman with two children whom I've been trying to help. She has just separated from her husband (a bad "marriage" through

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ignorance). Since the "husband" works, she is ineligible for any assistance from an agency, yet the court will not be able to force the husband to give her support for several weeks. In the mean time she has no money and food for this week so Will you please pray that I can find money or groceries for her somewhere?

I appreciate your help very much and will try to thank you by my prayers.

Sincerely in Christ,
Sister Mary Francis of Assisi
HHS

Los Angeles, California,
January 22, 1962,

Rev. Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Dear Father Aloysius;

Thank you for taking care of the masses which I asked for. May I now ask for three more to be said whenever it is convenient for you to do so.

One mass is for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Von Der Ahe who are celebrating their 55th Anniversary. I sent them one of the mass cards which you sent to me with your signature. Do hope that meets with your approval.

One mass is for our son Patrick and his wife Marilu. They have seven children and really need guidance. The other mass is for their eight year old daughter who also needs help. They are alright financially but there are other problems which are serious. No card will be necessary.

Thank you, Father for your kindness and do remember us in your prayers.

Sincerely, Agnes Rauen

Mrs. John B. Rauen

1/23/62

Dear Father Aloysious,

I would like to ask you if you are still praying for Florence Kanaley Gleason who has Cancer of the Liver? Her Mother told her she has Hepatitis so she does not know the truth. The Father just came home from hospital awhile ago after having his leg partly cut off for Diabetes, so Helen the Mother certainly has her hands full.

Remember us in your Mass and Thanks again Father,

Sincerely,
Helen Metzinger

4304 Beck Ave
No Hollywood Calif
January 24, 1962

Dear Father,
I'm enclosing this money for you to say a mass for my husband. Father will you offer it up that my husband will return to seantifying grace, that we will reconcile after four months of separation which looks very promising & Im sure its through your most fervent prayers to the Blessed Mother And that my husband will sell his night club he has up for sale. Father his name is Norbert.
Father I am one of the members of the last Wednesday of the month. And a very dear friend of Mrs Hair.
May God Bless you & Protect you Father

Mrs Gayle Brodeur

Jan. 24, 1962

My dear Father Aloysius,

Our daughter Denise has been a mental patient in the Camarillo State Hospital for two years. She was diagnosed as a Schizophrenic.

Last November she was home to celebrate her 20th birthday with us. Father R. Webster of St. Mary's Parish, L.A. suggested we take her to you for your blessing. We did so, and I want you to know since then she has showed steady improvement.

Yesterday we received

a letter from the hospital saying she had shown so much improvement that they were going to release her for a convalescent leave.

We are so thankful, we feel God has given her His Blessing through your hands.

Very gratefully yours,
Mr. + Mrs. Henry Laffargue
505 So. Soto St.
Los Angeles 33,
Calif.

to him or calling him. I will continue to pray for him & hope you will continue to pray too. Thank you father. I'm so grateful to God to have been blessed to know you.

Please offer a mass of thanksgiving for my mother-in-law.

Respectfully yours,
Mrs. Ann Bucich.

Jan 24, 1962

Dear Father,

Thank you for all you have done for my mother in law and all the rest of us.

I know that physically I am much stronger and I know spiritually I am growing.

My mother-in-law is praying regularly and has the peace I've been waiting for in spite of

being afraid of amputation, Her 2 sons and 2 daughters met last night ~~with~~ with the doctor and all agreed to amputate. I have written to the older son Paul, & called him twice on the phone letting him know about his mother. Yesterday when I called he had answered "someday I'll go to see her." and I answered him, yes in her coffin. I do hope it will make him think.

Paul has been so good to my family financially. It seems I would just wish for something which I wouldn't think of buying and he would get it for me not even knowing that I had secretly thought how nice it would be to have. Its hard to think that he could be so hard. I told him that no one knew I was writing

Rev. Father Aloysius C.M.F.

Dear Father - Enclosed is a check with a request that you offer Masses at your convenience for the Intentions of a very dear Nun, Sister Mary Afra. This good Nun has had to have prolonged rest periods from her duties due to a serious nerve condition. Doctors call it exhaustion but I believe Sister considers it more Depression of Spirit. She has had these periods occasionally for some years but they seem to be more frequent and more prolonged as she has reached her mid-60's. Her eyes have given her great trouble.

I related to Sister the wonderful recovery of my little grand niece Regina Kay who we feared had Brain Damage but thanks to prayer and your blessing she seems quite normal now D.G. This gave Sister the idea to ask for your very

special prayers in her behalf.
I should like $5.00 used for
Mass Stipends and $5.00 for the
needs of your order.

Gratefully yours

Mrs. Theresa W. Kelly
6114 - 10 Ave. Apt 4
Los Angeles 43, Calif.

Jan. 24, 1963 -

Sister does not live in California
so is unable to visit your House.

CLARETIAN HOUSE OF STUDIES
700 MONROE STREET, N. E.
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January 25, 1962

Reverend Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C. M. F.
Provincial House
1119 Westchester Place
Los Angeles 19, California

Reverend and dear Father,

Just the other day I received word from Mother telling me that you have regained your health completely, largely due to the intercession of our Saintly Founder. I'm so very happy to hear this because you have, indeed, dear Father, been his great advocator and most faithful servant. I pray that I may have half the zeal that you possess.

Remember when I was a novice, I found it very difficult to have devotion to him because of my strong ties with St. Gerard Magella. Within the last year, now that I am nearing my goal to the holy priesthood, I've been asking our Founder to make me know him better, and to have greater devotion.to him. My prayers were answered.

To make a long story short and not to bother you with details, I will tell you briefly what happened. I was reciting my breviary, before the Blessed Sacrament at the Perpetual Adoration Convent, when I heard a woman asking the Sisters for prayers that her husband be cured of throat cancer at its worst stage. His tongue is partially gone, no palate, gums and teeth removed and the cancer was spreading down to his lungs. I thought immediately of our Saintly Founder, as if he gave me a push to help this woman, and asked her if she had ever heard of St. Anthony Claret. She said no. Her husband has a great devotion in Mary and often said she would come to his aid, but never expecting our Saintly Founder to be his intercessor. I went to visit him at his home and gathered his twelve children around and told Mr. Dobson to hold the first class relic of St. Anthony on his throat while we all prayed for his cure. I felt I was a poor instrument only and the rest was up to God and St. Anthony. The following day, I received a phone call from his wife and she was full of joy for her husband felt no pain at all in his throat, a ringing sensation in his ears that he had for eight months since his last operation stopped two hours after he applied the relic. He felt his strength coming back. Not being a doubting Thomas, I told them to intensify their prayers more and to have faith in St. Anthony. A week passed by and the doctors told him that his cancer cells were shrinking and noticed a considerable change in his health. He told them St. Anthony cured him. A year ago they told him he could never work again, and now, three days ago he met a board of doctors at the Veterans Hospital and they agreed that he could work two or three days a week. I believe I told you the essentials Father and now you can see why I say that my prayers have been answered by our Saintly Founder. This man is truly spreading devotion to St. Anthony and ever since, I've made several contacts with people afflicted with the

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same sickness. I was given the name of a newly ordained priest from Fargo, North Dakota stricken with throat cancer and I forwarded a third class relic and novena booklet and pamphlets to him immediately. Several times a week, during my recreation time, I walk over to Providence Hospital and visit the sick, especially those with cancer. Many of these patients have found much consolation in St. Anthony and I find bringing his devotion to them has been a great source of strength in my own vocation and an appreciation of it never before experienced.

Today, I'm going to see a chinese boy, 10 years of age, dying with a brain tumor. I will apply the relic of our Founder and if its God's will he will make it. This young lad, his parents tell me, wanted to be a priest. He has been an alter boy for a few years and he is the brightest student in his class. Also, a Christian Brother, 25 years of age, who was operated on last Saturday is critically ill although he doesn't know it, is dying with cancer. I'm starting him on a novena to St. Anthony. While I was visiting these two patients yesterday, a group of student nurses came in and I happened to have 20 novena booklets and images of St. Anthony and The Immaculate Heart. I lectured to them for about 20 minutes about the devotion to St. Anthony and, especially since they will be administering to the sick, he'd be a powerful Saint to know and to pray to. I had just enough material to give to each one and they were very enthusiastic about this new Saint. So, you see Father, I'm doing all I possibly can, in view of my limitations, with the hope that I too will have this great devotion to St. Anthony, in thanksgiving for the privilege of being his spiritual son.

For 2½ years, every week, I also have been working in a Federal Mental Hospital working with young criminals committed by the courts. Most of these young fellows never knew what an understanding person was, so they tell me, until I came along. By good example, and dedication to my religious vows and life, I think this is the convincing factor for many of them now approaching the altar rail on Sundays. They could never imagine anyone to be interested in them because they were kicked around all their lives from one place to another - this being the principle cause of their delinquency.

So much could be said Father, but already I've burden you with too many details. Next June, God willing, will be the greatest day of my life - ordination to the holy priesthood. Please remember me in your good prayers Father that these next few months will be a good preparation for receiving this great dignity.

Dad and Mother wrote and said they expect to visit you very soon.

Wishing you, dear Father, continued spiritual success in your great apostolate and my prayers always,

Fraternally yours in the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Roger Lamoureux, C.M.F.

Reverend Mr. Roger A, Lamoureux, C. M. F.

If you have any 3rd class relics of St. Anthony to spare, I could make good use of them.

BLOCK ROSARY

Under the patronage of St. Anthony of Padua
"who bears in his arms THE LIGHT"

LAY APOSTOLATE

A WORLD-WIDE DEVOTION

Jan. 29, 1962.

Dear Father Aloysius:-

How to address someone whom you have 'known' for years because of the close association that GOD created with saintly Lillian McGraw, keeps me guessing.

When your Christmas greeting telling of inclusion in your invaluable MASSES, it bowed me down. Gor, afer all, I certainly did nothing that would in the most sense make me worthy for the grace.

Perhaps Lillian told you something about me. We worked together for years, and, because of the fact that I 'knew' of the closeness Lillian had with Our BLESSED MOTHER, and HER DIVINE SON, the inspiration was exalting.

GOD did grant me the grace to be the godfather when the little stigmatic, Joanie made her consecration to the HOLY PASSION, and who was the first to call me 'uncle Nick' back in 1950, and through my Fräänd Father Solanus Casey, O.F.M. Cap., that the Caouchins honored me by calling me his 'pal', and with whom I was in close touch from the twenties, and who, afer I was crippled in 1937, and when I went to him for 'sympathy' he said: "When GOD has you chiseled down to size, HE will give you a job." and as a result, in 1942, when His Holiness consecrated the Church and the World to MARY's IMMACULATE HEART as SHE had requested at Fatima, he said: "Nick. There is your job." making me perhaps, the first layman to promote Fatima in America, until his passing to GOD on July 31st, 1957, I was privileged to be in intkmate relation with that great saint.

Then, through Lillian, I heard of a devotion by which neighbors met weekly to offer the ROSARY.

But, as it was predicated on a 'revelation', and I was still on my high horse, not yet having gotten down to where Father felt I should be, I paid no attention to it until Father Peyton, brought our Dettoit Mary and me together in December 1947.

Since, I have been the world directorof the BLOCK ROSARY Apostolate.



N. J. SCHORN, DIRECTOR — 651 MARLBOROUGH AVENUE — DETROIT 15, MICHIGAN

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That this is truly Our BLESSED MOTHER's wish can be seen from the fact that, now I will be 80 in April, am all alone, and yet material has gone to over 60 countries on all of the six continents, and perhaps 20,000,000 pieces. As a man, whose business experince started back in 1897, under one of the mos erudite men I have yet met, such a result could never be credited to human effort.

My dear wife, Walburga passed to GOD on PASSION SUNDAY, March 27, 1955. That she was a very holy person may be judged from the reported favors granted through her intercession, one the cure of a woman who had leprosy for 10 years, the last two in bed, being discharged as 'cured' in less than 8 months after asking Walburga's prayers, and who is now taking a college course so that she can get a degree to make it possible to earn a better living. This was in 1958. Many other favors have been reported.

Then, just one month before my dear wife answered her 'call', GOD brought Mary Hughina MacDonald into the picture. This young woman had so many characteristics of Walburga, that I never had to get 'acquainted' with her. Where Walburga had left off as the right hand in my ROSARY work, this young woman carried on. Her story is on the sketch which I wrote, and enclose.

When going would get so tough that I felt I could not go on, just as Walhburga did, she would. Spiritually GOD permitted great intimacy, and when I was 'licked', she would come in with, "Uncle Nick. Our BLESSED MOTHER chose you for HER work, and you can't let HER down. And you will not." and when I knew what she was up against many times, I felt ashamed that I let the old boy with the forked tail get me discouraged, and got back on the job.

She was 'called' Jan. 13, 1960, and since, as with Walburga, GOD has been pleased to gran many favors, two of the material, are told on the enclosed.

But most important. As she had spent her entire life seeking out fallen off Catholics, and those who might be brought into the Church, since her

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passing to eternity, she has carried on. During just last month, two men, who had been out of the Church for decades, and who would not hear of having a priest, akthough both at the point of death, the families, in agong at the thought of what would happen to the souls of these men if they died unrepentent, phoned. I told May Hughina there was no time to be lost. To the happiness of both families, both men, one within hours, akked for the priest, made their reconsiliation, and when the priest keft he told the families they need not worry, as both had made their pdace. Such reports, in not less than a dozen cases, have been reported sinc she died.

Ax a result, my dear Friend, Bishop A.A. Noser, S.V.D. has instructee me to keep track of these matters, for he said that "as time passes they may have great valuein the designs of GOD." And another Bishop said about the same, and a soul that is exceptional, and greatly devoted to our BLESSED MOTHER, wrote that I should be sure to keep all of these on record as they will be valuable when their causes are brought up.

So. How GOD could grant such favors to the likes of me, a man who was Called "A tough old business man, who keeps his feet on the ground" by Bishop Wosnicki, who was my mentor durihg the early days of the BLOCK ROSARY when he was our Vicar General, is a mystery.

Well by noe, you will be glad that I stop, so, begging for a continuance of your MASS intentions, so that I truly live in conformity with the Will of GOD and MARY in the work I am privileged to do.



Nick.

La Verne
Jan 30, 1962

Dear Father Aloysius,

The following is a copy of the letter which I sent today by special delivery to Mrs. Evrard.

Dear Mrs. Evrard,

I am sorry to learn of the difficulty I may have caused you by sending a package to be blessed. It is certainly true that many such packages would be a great burden to you. We will be careful to abide by your wishes and not send any additional religious articles to you. In this respect, I speak both for myself and Mrs. Jones in Alhambra.

May I suggest that the box of crucifixes for Father Aloysius be kept until Summer or whatever other time is most convenient. Perhaps at that time it would be possible for this last package to be blessed by your dear friend. Father Aloysius distributes these religious articles quietly and simply. In this manner, Father is able to dispense an abundance of God's Graces.

I have been asked by Father Aloysius to assure you that in his daily Mass he will remember you

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and the holy priest with whom you labor. Your two dear friends who recently died also have a special place in our prayers.

Once again let me express my heartfelt gratitude for your continued generosity. This afternoon I received another group of blessed articles from you.

Please use the enclosed money to defray any additional expense you may have in my behalf.

I can repay your solicitude and prayers for my wife only by beseeching Our Blessed Lady herself to thank you.

Sincerely Yours,

Francis X. Levy
2020 10th St.
La Verne, Calif.

May I thank you too, Father, for your great love. I pray for you constantly.

Francis

Misioneros
Hijos del Corazón de María
San Francisco, 16-Tels. 245858-245857

VIVA CRISTO REY

Bilbao, a 3 de Febrero de 1962

R.P. Juan Luis Ellacuria, C.M.F. LOS ANGELES.

Querido hermano Aloysius: Deus nobiscum...

Ya te escribì por correo aereo, comunicandote que, mediante correo ordinario, te iba a remitir fotos del sovrino seminarista Pedrito Ojangueen Ellacuria. Ahì lo veràs que està saladìsimo y con planta de Obispo. ¿Quien lo sabe?

Al mismo tiempo te mando unas fotos mìas, para que las tengas ante la mesa de tu escritorio y asì me puedas encomendar al Señor.

Sigo insistiendote que te preocupes y resuelvas tù el caso del sobbino Juan Luis Ibarrondo Ellacuria, quien se siente llamado por Dios al estado sacerdotal en edad demasiado tardìa, tal vez, para adaptarse debidamente al estado religioso, como parece desearlo èl... Por otra parte, la carrera hab'ia de durarle, por lo menos, 10 años... ¿Què te parece? ¿Què le aconsejas?

Adiòs, quererididisimo Juan Luis. Te puedo decir que estoy mejorando notablemente en sal-ud y estado general. Yo creo que el Señor algo pretenderà de mì, cuando estoy reponiendome tan fantasticamente de mis perdidas fuerzas y, al parecer, hasta estoy rejuveneciendo en el aspecto con notoriedad.

Recibe un fuerte abrazo de tu hermano que tanto te aprecia,

José María Ellacuria
cmf

Webster Groves, Mo
Feb. 8 - 1962.

Dear Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

My husband and I were so glad to get your letter Father we want you to know that we both feel your prayers have helped me. I don't know if you remember when you blessed me there were two times that you put your hands on my eyes. Before that Father my eye lids just did not want to stay open, even when I first awoke in the morning. I want you to know Father that God has made those so much better thru you and I am so grateful to Him. Another thing Father I don't get as

depressed as I did - as you know how good my husband is to me, he always wants me to be happy no matter how I feel. God is so good to us Father and I know that with all our prayers, He will improve my walking too.
My husband is a daily communicate - I used to go with him until I got this but the doctor wants me to get so much rest now so I can't go daily the way I would like to.
At present I have that virus but feel better this afternoon.
My writing is pretty good

P.S. Father would you bless us across the miles?

today - sometimes I can only write a few lines I get so shaky.

Father ~~Frank~~ and I cannot never tell you how grateful we are for your prayers. Continue to pray for us, won't you Father?

I am enclosing a ~~ct~~ donation for a Mass Father and want you to say it if possible for our intention at your convenience Father

Father you do not have to acknowledge this Father we know you will say it when you can. Our sincerest thanks for your prayers ~~Father~~ - God bless you.

ever gratefully

Frank and Colette Hippler

February 13, 1963

Mi queridisimo hermano Josechu,

Saludos muy cordiales. He recibido tus cartas y he cumplido con tus encargos. Virginia Hernandez es senorita mejicana, no es la Virginia Campbell.

Ahora las siguentes noticias. Uno de estos dias ire a mi nuevo destino. No se todavia a donde voy. Te escribire desde mi nuevo destino. Estoy muy bien. Vas a recibir mas rosarios indulgenciados con indulgencia plenaria en el crucifijo y en cada cuenta, pero te suplico que no digas o uses mi nombre al disponer de ellos. Guardalos para la familia. Son los ultimos que te mando. Uno de los Guilds que he dirigido por quince anos te los manda. Te mando a la vez tus rosarios que me enviaste de Espana. Estos, los tuyos, estan bendecidos nada mas por mi. La Senora Phair ya no te enviara mas misas porque dejo de ser el director del Guild.

Como no voy a residir en Los Angeles te entiendes directamente con la Senorita Virginia Hernandez. Esta es su dirrecion, 1331 South Arlington Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

Yo he ofrecido todo por ti y espero en Dios y en la Virgen Santisima Nuestra Madre que vas a notar mucho mejoria en tu espiritu y fruto muy abundante en la salvacion de las almas.

Tu hermano,

La Verne
Feb 18, 1962

Dear Father Aloysius,

I am most grateful to Our Blessed Lady for sending you, Father Ambrosi and Father Barron to say the Rosary and Holy Mass for my wife Marion. I am grateful to you, Father, all the Claretian Fathers and devoted Brothers for the many Spiritual and material acts of Love which you have generously given to my wife, myself, my family and my friends.

Over the many months, Father, you have been a very near and dear friend. I shall always cherish your friendship your love and your spiritual paternity. You are a special Blessing to us from Our

Blessed Lady. I pray that I might imitate Her by imitating you. I wish to devote my life to Mary in whatever way it would please Almighty God. Please pray dear Spiritual Father that through the Immaculate Heart of Mary I may Love God more and more until I am consumed in flame with Love.

I beg your continued prayers for my beloved wife, she is my precious jewel. She lived your teachings and died a heroic, holy death. My children too I entrust to your prayers, they pray for you daily in the Rosary. I pray for you constantly Father, may God Bless you abundantly

and give you the Spiritual consolations which he has given to His other great friends.

Devotedly, your
Spiritual son,
Francis

J.M.J.

813 East Palmer
Compton 2, Calif.
February 19, 1962

Dear Father,

Miss you very much and am looking foward to your return home. I have been feeling well except for my neck, it hurts off and on. I also have been trying hard to eat alot and gain weight.

Mommy and daddy have decided that I have to have that so-called operation on my ear at U.C.L.A. I am trying my hardest to change their decision but they think it is for my best interest. I am praying hard so that they will say, "no."

Don't think I have forgotten you, and the rest in my prayers because I haven't.

Everything is fine here. Last night it started raining again but it seems to be clearing up now.

As I said before, I can't wait until you, along with the others, return home.

Not much more to say so might as well close now.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Kathy

P.S. Please say some prayers that mommy and daddy change their minds about U.C.L.A. Also say hello to Brother John and ask him to prayer for me.

Feb. 20, 1962
Tuesday

Dear Father -

It's a beautiful sunny morning and looks as though the rain may be over - we had quite a bit yesterday - hope we don't have any more for a while so the boys can get outside.

I wanted you to know that Kathy hasn't had pain in her ear once since you left and has taken no Codeine at all - just aspirin or bufferin, so we feel she has been truly blessed; however, her general condition is not so good - she has had an increase in headaches and suffers quite a lot from pain in her neck but in a different location than

before - more to the back, nearer the spine - it seems to be quite constant and makes it difficult to find comfort in resting - she seems to tolerate the pain though and doesn't want the Codeine.

The thing that upsets me more than seeing her in pain is her violent objection to this operation business - it has upset her terribly and my heart aches for her, especially since she hasn't complained about anything else - she took the first two operations without a word, and the radiation, but this is just too much for her to accept.

I was as strong for this operation as Virg until

I talked to Dr. Guiss, who is in your doctor's office, on Wednesday evening - he didn't paint quite such a rosy picture of success as did U.C.L.A. although he is not opposed to it and agrees with all the other doctors I've talked to that she won't be any worse off; however, he does not hold much hope for it's doing any good in Kathy's particular case and it upsets me to think of her going through something with an unknown outcome when she doesn't want it.

I finally called U.C.L.A. reluctantly on Friday because they had to know - my feeling being that perhaps something will happen to stop it before

as a Mother won't let my heart be for it - I can hardly bear the thought of her having her neck scarred and losing all her hair (temporarily) when it may do no good - of course if she is lucky and it does help, it will be worth it. I feel confident that somehow everything will work out for Kathy's good.

Thank you for listening to all our problems and for being such a kind and loving Father through all of this - you are our strength and we thank God every day for sending us to you though we do feel selfish for taking up so much of your time when so many need you.

I pray that Kathy will

someday be a holy Nun and that God will give to her the grace to possess the beautiful spiritual outlook which you have so that she can do good for many people and in some way repay you for all your kindness; also that our boys will grow up to be wonderful priests like you and Fr. Ambrosi -

We hope you are all having a good rest from the telephone and a good Retreat - have a safe and happy trip home -

With Love -
Ray & Virg

P.S. Please ask good Bro. John to pray hard for Kathy too as I know he already is - also Father Ambrosi -

Mrs. Jesse S. Carter

101 Stratton Street, Logan, West Virginia

February 22, 1962

Dear Father Aloysius:

I learned about you through a friend I met at Lourdes, France.

I have been a cancer patient for the past eighteen months.

I should like to add, that I am also a devout Catholic.

Will you kindly say a Mass for my "special intention" at your earliest convenience.

God bless you.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Ella P. Carter

P.S. Enclosed please find check.

Incarnate Word High School
MOUNT ERIN ON HILDEBRAND AVE.
San Antonio 12, Texas

February 22, 1962

Rev. Father Aloysius, C. M. F.
1119 Westchester Place
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Father Aloysius:

Kindly say a Mass for the intention of Dan Kenny that he may find suitable employment, and another Mass for my own special intention that I may be able to covercome a habit of nervous tension when I have to speak before a group. I feel especially tongue tied when I have to make an observation to the members of my community. I have just been appointed Superior here and most of my community are older than I am, so please pray for me that I may be able to do God's work here. Thank you.

Very sincerely yours,

Sister M. Ildephonse, Sup.

Sister M. Ildephonse, Superior.

West Sacramento, California
March 13, 1962

Reverend dear Father Aloysius:

I wanted you to know that poor James is again in the hospital (Veterans Administration Hospital, 13th & Harrison Sts., Oakland, California) Ward 3-E. A friend drove us both down there yesterday morning. He is in an extreme nervous state and his equilibrium has not been good for over a week. He was afraid the former condition was returning. They are concerned about his heart and also some stomach trouble, as he vomited up old blood. I believe a bad diet caused the vomiting as he had eaten too much of the wrong food that day it happened. But it was meant to be, I guess or else we never would have discovered the trouble in the stomach. It may not be serious either. But he has been complaining of heart burn quite often. I hope to go down and see him Friday, and at the same time talk with his doctor if I can manage it. I will let you know what they have to say. He is so unhappy as he has to be in the neurological ward at least until he is examined.

I have some good news for you Father, and I am sorry I forgot to tell you about it before, but two of the Grutzmacher boys - the two in high school, are attending - and have been since last September - a Catholic high school in Stockton. They drive every day both ways - they will enroll the third boy as soon as he completes the 8th grade which may be this year -- I am not sure. You cannot imagine how much happier the boys are now, and their whole personality has changed

- matured - maybe the word is. But the parents still aren't attending Mass regularly - there is some problem the Father has. So, we all need your prayers, Father.

I had an urgent letter from a friend of mine who is begging for prayers as her husband - a good Catholic and even once a member of The Legion of Mary, has started divorce proceedings. He has always been so patient with her and very loyal - but suddenly something happened - he packed and left. She is praying that he will love her again. I guess he told her he didn't any more - from the tone of the letter- anyway - she said she hoped to revive his love and to pray for her intention. I am passing on her request to you, Father, as I know how powerful you are with God.

Thank you again for your blessing and prayers and remembrances in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - you have brought us countless blessings. I would appreciate the prayers of all of you there at the house, and I will keep you informed about James' progress.

Very respectfully,

Mrs. James Glendinning

3801 W Capitol Ave
Space 98
West Sacramento

1244 So. Florence Place
Tulsa 4, Oklahoma
March 13, 1962

Dear Father Aloysius:

We arrived safely home after our wonderful visit with you and the members of your order. You made our visit most enjoyable and words cannot express our gratitude.

Today Joseph made his visit for his examination. The doctor's report was that Joseph is about the same as before our trip to California. The infection still shows up in the urine test and the pain still continues in the prostate area Thanks to God it is no worse. I'm sure throught your prayers, Our Beloved Mother's intercession and St Anthony Mary Claret's intercession, Joseph has not grown any worse. Maybe if we pray for health and guidance during Lent, God will have mercy on us.

We visited the grave of Rose Virginia Jackman last Sunday and Said our prayers for you at her grave.

I have written to Father Lewinski today

and perhaps will receive an answer soon.
We have not visited Oklahoma City yet, but as soon as we do I shall give the medal you sent along with me, to Mrs. Andy Connally.

You will find an offering of Thanksgiving for the many spiritual graces we have received. We pray you will accept it as our thanks to God for his mercy. Surely you will be able to find a good use for it.

Please add a prayer for our son Victor. He is trying to obtain a job at the "Childs' Guidance Clinic". He needs the work very badly.

May God bless you and reward you for your wonderful work.

Sincerely
Margaret Anderson

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph H. Anderson
1244 So. Florence Place
Tulsa 4, Okla.

March 16, 1962

Dear Father Aloysius,

I begin this letter with the hope that it may not be too long or confusing, but I suspect that this hope will be vain.

Mike had his heart catheterization March 8. The doctors explained that they found increased pressure which will endanger his chances. There was and still is some question as to whether the heart surgeons will take this risk. I visited with one of the surgeons yesterday. My decision has been made, even though this doctor was very frank about Mike's chances. But Bob isn't sure that the doctor's opinions about the necessity for this operation right now are accurate. Largely because we changed doctors at this crucial time, and because the doctors have been wrong in the past about Mike's chance for survival. We both are to see the doctor and discuss any questions next Monday afternoon. I was told that Mike may only have a few more years without an operation. But if they decide to operate, the risk will be about 50-50. In the first place, open heart surgery carries with it a high risk, and secondly, Mike is not in the physical condition to easily withstand any major surgery. But his condition is so-called irreversible. So what choice is there? It is a difficult decision for Bob, and we do need all the grace heaven can spare. Could you, Father, offer any advice? I realize it's our decision to make, but Bob needs consolation which I suspect I can't quite supply.

I mentioned the possibility of coming to Los Angeles before his hospitalization and Bob agreed readily. We would like you to see Mike, and we need to see you. Unless his appointment is cancelled, Mike will be admitted to Mercy hospital April 19, and another diagnostic procedure will be run. They will have the week-end to study the results of this test and then decide whether it is worth the risk. If so, they will operate April 25, keeping him in the hospital from the 19th.

We have had many prayers offered on our behalf, not without effect, but I fear that I have benefited the most. I pray that Bob will find his peace in God's will, too.

Thank you Father, for your help.

Yours in the Hearts of Jesus and Mary,

Marion Levcik

March 25, 1962

Dear Father Aloysius,

Both my wife and I are so very grateful for the time you have devoted to us on behalf of Terry and for your continued prayers and blessings for her continued improvement and eventual complete and permanent recovery. As you know, even her second operation did not result in the complete removal of her brain tumor and the portion which remains is considered inoperable; the medical prognosis is that the tumor will

regrow. With the many prayers which have been offered for Terry, however, and with the wonderful encouragement you have given us, we are confident that the tumor will not regrow and that Terry will be able to enjoy a full and normal life.

Almost two years ago (June, 1960) my father died. At that time my mother requested his many friends and acquaintances to donate to their favorite charities the amounts which they might otherwise spend for flowers. Many

of the people, however, left their donations with my mother with the request that they be used for favorite charities of hers and my father's. Since that time most of the funds have been used in this manner.

When I wrote to my mother recently, I mentioned how kind you have been to Terry and how much you have done for us, and I suggested that your order would be a worthy recipient for some of these funds if they had not all been disbursed. My mother was delighted to

receive the suggestion since she had kept some of the money for a cause "that would give (her) the feeling that (she) was giving it or placing it where God wanted"

The enclosed check, then, is from my mother (and indirectly from my father) in thanksgiving for the progress Terry has made so far.

Sincerely yours.

Howard Kitt

222 South Iris
Hawthorne, California
February 15, 1962

Dear Father Aloysius,

I have just heard that a very lovely young lady in our new neighborhood is very critically ill at Saint Vincent's Hospital. The doctors say she will probably not recover - at least not through medicines. Her name is Cathy Orth (Mrs. Joseph J.). She is Catholic, and has three lovely little Children. I only met her once, but she was so sweet and gracious.

Will you please offer a Mass for her recovery? Thank you so much.

John and I are so anxious to see you. We have really never told you much about our wonderful trip to our favorite land of Spain. We so loved your beautiful, Catholic country and hope to see you soon so we can have a visit.

Thank you so much for all your prayers.

Sincerely in Jesus and Mary.
Virginia

230 N. Oxford St
La Habra -
Feb. 26 -

Dear Father Aloysius;-

Will you please say a Mass for my mother - "Mrs Estelle Wirebaugh" - She has been coming to you for several years but has been unable to come on Sundays for some time - She needs your blessings, Father, for cancer -

We are both members of the Guild would you please have the ladies pray

for her -

I'm sure you remember us - our dear friend Father Urban sent us to you -

Thanking you, dear Father, for your past blessings & prayers -

May God & Blessed Mother, bless & continue to help you in your wonderful work - for others!

Sincerely,
Mrs Val Ginther

Mar. 31 - 1962

Dear Father Ellacuria, C.M.F.

I am so late writing you this month Father it seemed I just did'nt get to it.

I am sure that I told you last time I wrote that my eyes are so much better since your blessing. My walking is just about the same tho this last week was one of my better ones. I think my disposition has improved some Father and I know your Masses and prayers are the reason and I thank God for helping me through you. I am enclosing a

check is a donation for 2 Masses. I had hoped to get it to you so you could say one in March but as I did it just say them as soon as you can.

It may be Father that you will not be able to say them due to other commitments, then have another of your priests say them. But please Father remember me and my good husband in your prayers won't you? I know I have received many graces since your blessing at Christmastide.

Please Father do not bother to acknowledge this, I only beg your prayers in my behalf that

I may be cured or the disease halted - if it be God's will - if not that I may take it the way God wants me to.

Again my sincere thanks for your prayers Father - also my husbands thanks and may God love and bless you always.

Gratefully
Colette Heppler (Mrs Frank R)
1135 Cheshire Lane
Webster Groves 19,
Mo.

P.S. We are going to make the Novena to St Jude which starts April 28 in Chicago, Father.

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Sisters Servants of Mary
5001 Perlita Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

New Orleans 4-2-1962

Rvdo. Padre Aloysius Ellacuria.

P.C.

Muy estimado Padre en el Señor: Aunque no tengo el gusto de poderle conocer personalmente, me atrevo a dirigirle mis letritas para suplicarle humildemente su ayuda paternal por medio de sus oraciones en esta necesidad que me aflige.

Hará muy pronto un año que llegué a estas tierras Americanas donde me destinó la Sta. Obediencia. Desde el primer momento he puesto el mayor interés en aprender el Idioma, pero a pesar de mi constancia en estudiar, los resultados son casi nulos, a veces llega mi dificultad a no poder coordinar las ideas y tampoco entiendo lo que me hablan. Así, que dado a mi temperamento expansivo estoy sufriendo esta pena que me deprime. Voy repetidas veces al Sagrario para pedirle a Jesús el remedio de mi necesidad y que se digne mover favorablemente la voluntad de quien me puede ayudar eficazmente en su nombre, pero el cielo parece cerrado a mis súplicas. Creo que Jesús querrá probar mi fe y constancia en esta pena, y sigo luchando contra el desaliento natural, puesta la mira únicamente en agradarle en esto que tanto me cuesta.

Como por otra parte nuestra Sta. Misión, como V.R. sabe, está dedicada a la asistencia de enfermos a domicilio y por tanto en contacto más directo con las almas; de aquí se desprende mi mayor necesidad en el manejo de la lengua, que es el vehículo con que nos ponemos en comunicación con los demás y por el cual se comunica la gracia de Dios en las almas.

He prometido a Nuestro Señor, que si Él me concede aprender el Inglés pronto, cual es la necesidad, propagaré con mayor ardor que hice hasta aquí, la devoción a

los Purísimos Corazones de Jesús y de María, por medio de la entronización de sus Sgdos. Imágenes en las familias que asista y también la práctica de los nueve primeros viernes y primeros sábados en honor a dichos Sgdos. Corazones (Esta es mi ilusión predilecta) Y por medio del amor a estos Sgdos. Corazones salvarle muchas almas.

He pensado que quizá mis imperfecciones y miserias sean la causa de que Jesús demore mis peticiones al cielo. Así que he resuelto acudir a su paternal bondad para rogarle su intercesión con Nuestro Señor y con el Purísimo Corazón de María me concedan cuanto antes los medios más eficaces para poder aprender. Para la mayor gloria de Dios y la salvación de muchas almas.

Me encomiendo humildemente a sus "Mementos" con este fin, y le suplico también si fuese posible. (no se si es demasiado, me de su paternal bendición. Si Nuestro Señor le sugiere mientras tanto alguna palabrita de consejo para bien de mi alma, le suplico esta caridad aunque sea muy brevemente.

Quedo a V.R. muy agradecida por su favor en bien de mi alma y le suplico su paternal bendición. Suya afma. Hija en los Purísimos Corazones de Jesús y de María.

Sor Carmela Jiménez
S. de M.

23801 Hartland Street
Canoga Park, California
April 3, 1962.

Claretian Fathers, P.H.
1119 Westchester Place
Los Angeles 19, California

Dear Father Ellacuria,

Enclosed is a check of which I would like a part of it for a Mass offering as a thanksgiving for my husband's arrested cancer.

The rest I wish to be in payment for 5 novena booklets, 5 relic medals and 5 prayer cards.

My husband and I have great faith in St. Anthony Mary Claret, and I know that he will continue to assist us in our personal intentions.

We wish to thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,
Mrs. T. P. Haney

were novenas, etc sent?

Contr wine
and 3 dollars
worth of articles
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April 10, 1962

Rev. Aloysius Allacuria, C.M.F.
Claretian Novitiate
119 Westchester Place
Los Angeles 19, Calif.

Dear Father Aloysius:

We are most sorry that last Tuesday and today that we were unable to come to Los Angeles for your weekly blessing which we all appreciate so very much.

Joe feels that there are so many people who really need your wonderful blessing and kindness that he still feels that we are imposing on you. He feels so very much better and is now able to bear the little discomfort that he still has and I know that he is so very grateful that he is now able to breath and sleep at night.

We are enclosing a little offering for a Thanksgiving Mass for God's goodness to us and please say a prayer of Thanksgiving for Rita Fitsimmons as I understand that she has had a wonderful cure.

God Bless you and may God continue your wonderful work in releaving the sufferings and pains of his children.

Respectfully and gratefully

Joe, Helen Pawlick Family

Joe and Helen Pawlick
John, Patricia and Therese

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Pawlick
2846 Adams St
La Crescenta

Feel free to come anytime but
Call first to avoid missing him.

Complete cure. Worst type of inoperable cancer –

J.M.J.

April 16, 1962

Dear Father Aloysius,

I know this week is a very busy time for you but I just wanted to mention again how grateful we are to God, Blessed Mother and St Anthony Mary Claret.

this is the first time in 20 years that we can make our Easter duty. I just can't put into words our gratitude.

It is so wonderful to start each day with Holy Mass and Communion. We could never face the problems of the day with out God's blessings.

Father, I know God wants us always to ask him when we are in need as long as our requests are sincere. We have been praying so hard, for financial aid for our family. We always put aside the idea of my leaving the home to work because I know this would not be good for the Children.

We don't mind being poor if that is God's wishes for us but there are Certain obligations we must meet.

God has been so merciful to us already and yet I know

He wants us to ask when we are in need. We pray every day for the virtue of fortitude because we want to carry our crosses that God gives us.

I know you have so many intentions to pray for Father but may I ask, if it be God's divine will, that you may remember our intentions during this Holy Week.

God bless you Father and we pray always that Blessed Mother will specially watch over you.

Mrs Margaret Podell

2705 Hillside Drive,
Burlingame, California,
April 19, 1962,

Dear Reverend Father,

Not long ago the friend with whom I lived for a time in Carmel, returned from a long absence abroad. Upon her return I found your beautiful Christmas card with its wondrous gift of a remembrance in your Christmas masses, awaiting me. I was stricken at the thought of how ungrateful of me it must have seemed, not to write and thank you warmly for your thought of me. I do it now with all my heart and with redoubled gratitude.

This Christmas I behaved very badly. Christmas greetings were neglected because I was hurrying to try to finish my book, the life of Blessed Mary of Providence, foundress of the

Helpers of the Holy Souls for whom I am doing the work.

In addition I am teaching at the College of Our Lady of Mercy here, which is for their Sisters and postulants.

A little over a week ago I enjoyed a visit from my friend Evelyn Gavin and Mrs. Fuchst. We spoke much of you and your beautiful work of helping the sick.

I should so love to come to Los Angeles again, but with my teaching it is not so easy to get sufficient time. Perhaps when school is over, I may be able to manage it. I trust in the help and the protection of your prayers. May you have a happy, happy Easter! Gratefully, Maria Buchele.



St. Paul, Minnesota
April 30th 1962.

Rev Father Aloysius Ella Curia.
Claretian Order.
Los Angeles Calif.

In September there was a Nurse from the Hospital In Orange Calif. that Sent a true relic of St Anthony Maria Claret to a Nun Here in St Paul. Her Name was Sister Marina who Expired in December. But before she died She gave my daughter Mrs Dorothy Pirri the relic who Had a Tumor on her jaw that was getting Larger. a (Deep pink and Blue) and she applyed the Blessed relic every day and said the prayer and in a Very short time the Tumor disapeared at the time the Nun was Still Living and she was going to notify the Nurse who's name we do not Have.

My Daughter Dorothy was in an Auto accident several years ago and Has a Whip Lash and the Tumor came from Weights that was placed on Her neck to Straigh the Nerves

that were pinching Her neck in the Back of Her Head.
Dear Rev. Father I Have Another Daughter Mrs Mary M Spois that Lives in San Diego Calif - 3750 - 28th St apt 205
Who Has a fear Neurosia dont go to Confession or recieve Holy Communion for years. I Have prayed daily for Her return to the Blessed Sacrament I am Sure if she Would she would fine peace of mind if you Would please say a Little prayer for Her return Her Husband Was killed out there on Hyway she Has a Boy Dennis also.
Two week ago I gave your Address to a Nurse Here in St paul. Who said she Would Write to you. I Have been Late in writing to you to tell you the Wonderful cure my Daughter recieved.
Please forgive me for taking so Much of your time I am not Very Good in expressing my self -
May God Bless you always

Mrs Mary M Cook
1850 Reaney ave.
St Paul. 19 - Minn.

May 2nd, 1962

Dear Chris:

Thank you for your letter of April 18th and for your kind donation of $5.00. I hope that you had a holy and happy Easter.

The date of the Day of Recollection for the Handicapped- September ~~19~~ 29 has been reserved in my appointment book for your Retreat. In accordance with your request, another priest will be present to hear Confessions. We will be very happy to do whatever we can to make this a fruitful Day of Recollection.

If you would write again later with any other details you might pick up, I would appreciate it greatly.

God love and bless you, Chris.

In the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Rev. Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Rev. Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

May 2, 1962

Dear Father Aloysius,

Thank you very much for your prayers and that of Sr. Lucy. I am happy to tell you that Helen had a cyst and that there was no malignancy at all. We have had an active first year of our marriage, but thanks to Mary, Claret, and Rafael we have come out healthy. The baby is fine and Helen is getting better.

We hope to be in Los Angeles this summer so that you can bless our little one. She's mighty anxious for it!

This Sunday, Father, is our anniversary. On this day we will give our thanksgiving for all of the blessings of the past year, and thank God also for the wonderful acquaintances that have prayed for us in our moments of need. You, Father, have been very consoling to us. We will remember you especially in our communion at Mass this Sunday. Please write and tell us how you are.

God bless you,

Walter McGee
& Family

9 May 1962

Rev. Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C. M. F.

1119 Westchester Place

Los Angeles 19, Calif.

Dear Reverend Spiritual Director:

Billy made his first Holy Communion Sunday May 6th.

I hasten to bring this good news to your attention so that you may share our joy, as you always do, our prayers.

Then too, Billy wanted you to know that his first Holy Communion was dedicated to Our Blessed Mother. His intention he told me later was for the salvation of his soul; the souls of his mother, father, brothers, and, Father Aloysius.

Right or wrong he feels as Margaret and I do - a personal claim on you.

The climax of this wonder event came on Monday May 7th. He attended Holy Mass (6:30 AM) with Margaret and I, and with us received Holy Communion (his second time). He was so thrilled.

In school afterwards Sister asked who had gone to Holy Communion that morning. The only hand raised was Billy's. Tuesday morning at Mass he was joined by another little boy and girl from his second grade. We like to think this came about because of Billy's good example.

Perhaps the significance escapes you. Here, good Father, is concrete proof of you excellent influence in action. God willing I hope there will be many more like it in the future.

See you in Orange, Saturday.

God love you,

Edward O. Podell

St. Mary's Hospital

150 SOUTH FIFTH AVENUE + PHONE WE 9-2531 + KANKAKEE, ILLINOIS

J.M.J.

May 12, 1962

REv. Father Aloysius.

Rev. dear Father: If you receive this on time and you can do so, I would appreciate your offering a low Mass for the intentions of m y sister, Margaret, Mrs. T.P.Hohmes, on May 16, which is her birthday. If you cannot say it on that day, any time at your convenience will be all right.

Thank you for your short note,Father, Iappreciated it very much. I would give an8 anything for the opportunity of talking to you. I was in Hot Springs for four months and a half. I went for three months but the weather in Chicago and KKK was so bad that Rev.Mother had me remain longer. The treatments there helped and gave some relief but no permanent cure. I think I told you that I am now a victime of Parkinsonism - but this has not been made public,even to the Sisters. I am doing all I can, Father, to surrender myself completely to the Will of God in this as in all things. I feel certain that if He sends suffering, He will

also send the grace to bear it. I want to be as generous as I can in it but it is difficult. When I returned, I was given a room in the infirmary. With the building project going on here, Rev.Mother felt it unwide for me to have to travel back and forth to the convent.

My nieve, Dolores, is graduating from Loyola the early part of June. Her mother and I have been praying hard for her that she may find what God wishes of her. She may go on for her master's degree. I see her very seldom but I do keep in close touch with her.

I beg your blessing, Father, and your prayers. If, at any time, you have the occasion to come this way, I would appreciate greatly,the opportunity of seeeinng you. I wish that you might be able to write, as it would mean much to me. I count on your prayers,however; rest assured that you are in mine daily.

Gratefully in Him

Sister Mary Dolores, SSCM

1238 W. 223 St
Torrance, California

Dear Rev Father: 13-May-62

Your letter which I am attaching indicates that I had told you that the Day of Recollection would be on Sept 19. I no doubt wrote 19 instead of 29. The date is: September 29th which is on a Saturday like in the past two years. I am sorry to have made that mistake. I hope that is not too late for to correct it. So reserve September 29 for us if you can.

Father Edward of Compton Claretians has one Mass on Sundays and hears confession on Saturdays at my church St. Philomena in Torrance. He speaks very well of you.

God has been good to me financially so I will again enclose a gift for your Mission. It is a Check for $10.00. Please consider $2.00 of it a Mass Stipend and offer a Mass for the welfare of the Lax or Poor Catholic Handicapped People in the world. They not only have missed the opportunity to Carry their Cross in a way to insure their entrance in heaven but have have used it in a way to keep from going to heaven and some of them are much nearer to meeting their "Judge" than they realize. I will send you a donation from time to time and keep you posted about details that I might pick up before the Day of Recollection.

As ever,
Chris

22 May 1962

Reverend Father,

Thank you so much for your kindness in talking with Bonita England, Therese Thibodeau and myself last Thursday evening. We were particularly grateful, knowing the demands on your time. I know that both Bonnie and Terry will want to thank you individually and tell you of their trip to New Camaldoli this past week-end. It was especially encouraging to learn of your interest in the Camaldolese nuns and you will find Bonnie's report most rewarding.

Bonita England is a very special person. I hope that someday she will tell you a little of her story because it is such a beautiful example of how God calls each of us and manifest His Love for each of us in such a personal fashion. Bonnie has yearned for solitude and colloquy with Our Lord in silence for so long; she has suffered so much and with such courage. She has that kind of love that I think Our Lord must most treasure -- love that answers love with courage, with constant attention and willingness to give and give and give. I'm glad that you are praying for her.

Therese too is someone very special. She has the gift of childhood and is a little like a rose-bud, barely opening. I hope that she will avail herself of your generous offer to anwer any of our questions about the spiritual life. She too is a good friend of the Camaldolese.

I had the good fortune to encounter the Camaldolese in Italy. I am sure that Father Klinglesmith has described Camaldoli there. It is beautiful, as is La Verna - which we call Alvernia, where S. Francesco received the stigmata. But somehow I found a more beautiful poverty in the latter place, because the friars had even given up solitude. Both are beautiful.

May I also request prayers for two other women and recommend them to your attention. Your life, of course, does not escape notice outside the Church and these two friends have expressed such an interest in you that I suspect that you may be the instrument whereby they will come to confrontation with Christ. They are both psychotherapists who do an immense amount of godd -- and of course, in their field, could do great harm, or even greater good. Their names are Myra Riddell and Eleanor Ruskin. The latter is a strong woman, with much power, both actual and potential. She is just discovering certain gifts which startle her and which draw both women toward you. They both need to learn to look at the Giver and realize why He distributes such gifts. They have been talking sometime about attending the Sunday afternoon novena to S. Anthony Claret and I suspect will write to you soon. I hope that, despite the many demands upon your time, you will be as generous to them as you were to us. If these two women ever come into the Church they could be extraordinary instruments for the service of many, and their own souls have so much beauty just waiting to be called forth. They will demand much but they will give much. I pray that you will see them if and when they should contact you.

There are so many for whom I would be your prayers that if I started to list them this would become a book. But lives are prayers and God knows the souls for whom our lives are offered. So may I just committ all my "children" to your prayers. And would you please say a prayer for me -- for I'm one of those lost blind children that can only stumble forward, hoping that I may be of some service to whomever He gives me each day, and offering all my prayers , joy, andthe mild suffering of my uselessness for you and for all of Christ's prists.

May Our Lady of Fair Love keep you,

Anne Jones

P.S. We shall try to bring Dom Adalbert Polmichel from Pasadena to see you before June. He is such a beautiful man. With a gift for joy.

May 24, 1962

Dear Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Forgive me for typing this but some days it is very difficult to write and I know you will understand.

I should have written sooner but I have so many days that it seems I can't do hardly anything. Today I felt I had to write you no matter what.

I am enclosing a check for $10.00 Father for Masses. I feel it may be impossible for you to say them all but I hope you can say one for me in June in Honor of the Sacred Heart and in July in Honor of the Most Precious Blood. My walking seems to be getting worse and I am so terribly tired all the time. Ask God to cure me if it be His Holy will, if not to give me the Grace to take it as He wishes.

Then on June 1st is the birthday of my Mary Ziebert sister who raised me and who is now deceased and June 2nd the birthday of my sister whose daughter is a Notre Dame Sister in Los Angeles and who arranged for my husband and myself to have an interview with you during the Holidays last year. This sister's name is Helen Upmeier who is also deceased. Then I would appreciate it very much if you or one of the Fathers would say a Mass for my good husband, I know I am a heavy cross for him but he is so good to me. Ask God to bless him in the way only He knows is best for him. I feel it is selfish for me to ask you to say the two Masses for me Father, but I would appreciate it very much, more than I can tell you. I just feel that God will hear your prayer. Father any of the other Fathers can say the other Masses at their convenience and thank you so much. Pray for me Father I need your prayers more than I can tell you. Thank you from my heart.

Ever gratefully,
Colette Hippler

The Right Rev. Prior General
DOM ANSELM GIABBANI
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Very Rev.Father Aloysius Ellacuria C.M.F.
Claretian Missionaries
1119 Westchester Place
Los Angeles 19, California

Admodum Reverende Pater,

Nos, Anselmus Giabbani, Prior Generalis Monachorum-Eremitarum Camaldulensium O.S.B., petitioni tuae benigne annuentes, libenter concedimus tibi facultatem benedicendi Coronas Domini a Beato Michaele Pini eremita nostro Camaldulensi Instituta.
Pro benedictione utere formula in Rituali Romano Praescripta.

Datum ex nostra eremo Novae Camalduli die 28 Maji, an. 1962.

Anselmus Giabbani, P. Gen.

Anselmus Giabbani Prior Generalis
Monachorum-Eremitarum Camaldulensium O.S.B.

May 30th, 1962

Dear Father Aloysius:

It is with deep regret that I write to say that we are unable to come to the dedication this Sunday, but want you to know how much we appreciate and thank you for the honer of your invitation. How we would love to be a part of this festive and happy occasion! There will probably be so many of those wonderful sons of Mary there! You can be assured that at least we will be there with you in spirit and prayer. We took lots of nice pictures there. The inclosed is a small token of our love for the Claretian Seminary.

Father, while his Eminence is here, couldn't you slip in a word about Claretians in Oklahoma? How we would love to have them and how we need them! This is truly missionary territory. At present they are all around us, but none here. I would be willing to scrub floors on my knees if I thought by so doing it would help some day to have Claretians here. In the meantime I will keep praying to the Blessed Mother and your holy founder for this wonderful grace. St. Anthony Claret answers so many of our prayers, even sending us rain when everything was burning up. We had the longest dry spell in May (in Okla) on record, just when we need the rain for the crops and gardens. Like a duence, I didn't think to ask him for rain, yet as soon as I started a Novena to him it began to rain and now everything is reviving. My father had worked so hard on his garden and watering didn't seem to help, just barely kept things alive. The ground was so hard the water just rolled off. Now it is really soaked and my grapes seem to grow some every day. I know for sure that St. Anthony Claret loves Oklahoma just like you said.

You know, I have a Catholic friend that works in the office of a cancer specialist and I can't keep her in Novana Booklets for the patients. How they love to read about him, Catholics and non-Catholics alike. We figured that if God didn't see fit to cure them through St. Anthony's intercession at least they would get some comfort and help in their terrible afflictions and have a happy death, resigned to His Will.

Father Aloysius, I thank you so much for your letter of May 19th and for your offering of the Holy Mass for my father. I appreciate your taking the time for I know how busy you must be.

I do hope and pray that Sunday will be a beuatiful day for the dedication and that you will be enjoying good health so that you can enjoy everything.

Ray sends his best wishes along with mine as do all the family. We all feel that we have a wonderful friend in Father Aloysius.

Thank you for your blessing, Father.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ray L. Emmanuelson
(Mary)

Sacramento, California
May 31, 1962

Dear Father Aloysius:

Edward and I are going to take a trip to Canada, leaving Sunday, June 3, going to Edmonton by jet plane. We are then going down to Jasper, Lake Louise and Banff by Gray lines, then to Calgary to take jet back to Vancouver, spending about a week in that general area.

I am a little apprehensive, especially about flying, so will you please remember us in your prayers, Father. We return late Sunday, June 17th.

Edward has always wanted to go to Canada; preparing for this trip is doing him a world of good, so I know the trip will be very beneficial, also. He would like to settle there I know.

Thank you for your wonderful help.

Devotedly,

Gertrude Herberger

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June 4, 1962

Dear Father -

Just a quick note to let you know of Mike's continued progress. He has gained a little more weight. Today he had a slight fever and felt badly. He told me later he gave his hurt to Jesus in his heart and Jesus said "Thank you" and the hurt went away. How much he has learned through his suffering -

Enclosed is a picture taken of him shortly before his operation.

Yours in Jesus-Mary,
Marion Levsack

J.M.J.

6-12-62
4040 Lamson
Saginaw, Mich.

Dear Fr. Ellacuria:—
Last week I recieved a letter from my son, Bro. M. Romuald of the Camaldoli Order of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Lucia Ranch, Big Sur, California. He wrote me about you and I am taking advantage of you by taking the liberty of writing to you and asking you for your prayers, I here enclose a stipend to you in hopes that you will say a Mass for my special intentions. Please ask God that my son shall soon be one of His ordained Priest, that his heart may be filled

by the Holy Spirit and he becomes a good & holy priest. He has always been such a good boy. — I am a widow and at times I feel that I have a vocation but I also have four married children and 21 grandchildren by Sept. I shall have 22 grandchildren, God be willing, so you see I have many worldly attachments, I get very much confused, I pray that I may know God's will & do it, I need your prayers Father, I have many things in mind. After being married for 37 yrs. I fine it very hard to adjust myself to certain things, I have a terrible fear of becoming dependent on my children, because

they all have families to
keep, only ordinarily jobs, they
all just live from pay to pay.
I shall not trouble you
any more about my problems,
I just beg you to remember
us in your holy prayers
that God must be so pleased
with. I remain, with sincere
thanks,
Gratefully Yours,
Emma L. Cottrell

Mrs. E. L. Cottrell
4040 Lamson St.
Saginaw, Mich.

June 20, 1962 - Eve of
Your Most Oustanding Day!

Dear Father Aloysius:

Yes, such a wonderful day for you tomorrow, and I feel that I have cast a cloud on it for you. Oh, so many times since I called you have I berated myself; and then the light that is the Holy Spirit suggested to me that instead of my berating myself, I should turn more to prayer, and that my prayer should be for the Gift of the Virtue of Humility, and for Unwavering Confidence in God.

For, surely, Father, only one thing, I keep telling myself, was responsible for that awful outburst of mine -- fear. And such fear could only be founded upon the fact that I was attempting to depend on "creatures" in the conduct of my affairs, instead of placing my Trust and Faith in God, as I had been telling myself I was doing.

There are so many, many gifts for which I am most grateful to God, that when I allow myself time for contemplation and meditation, I can only be convinced that He will continue to direct and guide (and protect) me each and every instant, even as He has done in the past.

Someone enrolled both Frank and me in this Pious League, and, as you can see, 'way back on the Feast of the Apparition of our Mother at Lourdes, you were enrolled -- with me, on so many occasions, promising to send you the little Certificate. Me and my crowded days! But, anyway, here it is, Father, and frankly, I feel that the League will receive as many Fruits and Gifts from your enrollment, as you will by virtue of being enrolled, - you being such a "fruit-producing" Member of the Mystical Body.

So many, many of your good prayers have been answered in New Orleans, and do take deep joy in the knowledge that the conversion is indeed like the pebble dropped in the pool -- it now goes on into the reception of the Holy Sacraments by the convert and his spouse. Of such things are God's goodness made! An extension of the "allelulia season" for me personally.

May you have the kind of day that only God Himself knows how to bestow in fullest measure -- if I could dare suggest to Him a "gift" for you, it just strikes me that I should say -- allow this humble and fruitful Servant of Yours, Dear Lord, the privilege of glimpsing the number of souls that he has helped to Love of You.

May His Holy Body permeate every fiber of your being on tomorrow, your Very Special and Precious Day, and on all the days of your Long and Fruitful Life in His Divine Service.

Raise your Consecrated Hand in Blessing for me, Father, that never again do I offend our Dear Lord (and especially at the expense of one of His Most Precious 'alter egos' as yourself), that I constantly be given the Grace of the Virtue of Humility, and the Gifts of Faith, Hope and Charity - all in Great Abundance.

Most sincerely, in the Heart that you
Love and Serve so Well -- Mary's
Immaculate and Motherly Heart,

Ruth

Monday - June 25, '62



Dear Father: I have wanted to write ever since I got back home, but so very much has happened since then; I haven't had much time to get caught up with my correspondence. I havent even managed to go to the eye-doctors. Some days my eyes are pretty good; then again they bother me.

But Father, my greatest concern is my grandson, who is fourteen years old today. I mentioned him to you several times. He has a high I. Q. but is a very nervous boy, with a terrible guilt and fear complex. The last psychiatrist they went to said that all this trouble started in the years between two and six. Three little girls came along and they made such a fuss over them, that he became very insecure and jealous as he was sort of pushed

aside. Now, my son, his father, is so very impatient with him, strikes him, etc. I can't imagine what has happened to him that he is so prone to anger, with everybody. My grandson, really dislikes his father. I am going to talk to the psychiatrist about it, myself. He wants them to send the boy to some boys school, near Poughkeepski N.Y.; says it a very good one. For the Summer, he is going to a very good boys camp, near Cleveland. They only have thirty boys and each group of five, has it's own counsellor. He goes there on Monday and comes home Friday. It is for eight weeks. We hope he will be kept there, as before this he has been from one school to another.

Father, please pray for my poor grandson who is having such an unhappy childhood. And my

son, who is so very nervous.



My statue of St. Anthony Claret is in my chapel and I often keep a vigil light by it. I keep praying to him, for all my intentions.

I hope you are well, Father; Evelyn is back in N.Y. working for Father, again, training a new secretary, as he fired the old one. She is gone three weeks today.

Father, could you say a mass for my grandson, George, yourself. A friend of mine wants to have it for him. Then I am sending another five dollar offering for a mass for Marie O'Donnell, our very dear friend. Also, I'd like one for my son George, the father of the disturbed boy and his wife, Mary. Could I also have one for myself and my intentions? I am enclosing a check

for $25 and would like a mass
for my deceased husband, George.
Father, please keep all my
intentions in your prayers, including
my eyes. I am continuing to pray
to Our Dear Lady and St. Anthony
Mary Claret and to Saint Martha.

Very Sincerely and
Gratefuly Yours.
Julie Fuerst.

June 26, 1962

My dear Father Aloysius:

I am sorry that I missed getting my good wishes to you for your beautiful Feast Day on the 21st. We had a High Mass here at All Soul's in honor of the beautiful feast of Corpus Christi and I offered It and my Holy Communion for your intentions Father. I pray your special day was one of happiness and joy and filled with God's most choice graces and blessings!

I had the good pleasure of having a short visit with Father Penna today. He had a very bad night last night and was exceptionally weary and tired this afternoon. I told Father that I had talked with you on Saturday and that you started a Novena of Masses for him. He was so very pleased and grateful and asked that you remember him in a special way in your good prayers. How over-joyed he would be if it were possible for you to go see him Father! I am still asking St. Anthony Mary Claret for a miracle and feel that if it is God's Holy Will it will be granted!

This might seem presumptuous Father, but the thought has occured and re-occured in my mind so many times that I would like to confide in you something that happened to me last November when Father Penna was in UCLA for his most serious surgery. It so happened that the very day he was scheduled for surgery the Forty Hours was in progress here in our parish, and as I was making a Holy Hour--begging our dear Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament to spare Father Penna and restore his health I received an answer---It was as though our dear Lord was speaking to me and this is what I heard, "After much, much suffering Father will be cured". I felt this was just my imagination but I could hear it over and over

again, each time as vivid as the first time; and as I said above it keeps coming back again and again. I have never told Father Penna about this and wonder if I should. I still try to tell myself that it was just imagination--but then there is the whole scene before me and as clearly as though it was just happening. I feel that I have neglected to do my part in alleviating Father's suffering-----I have not prayed enough, neither have I done enough penance, nor have I made enough sacrifices and mortifications. My spiritual life is so arid at times that I feel I can't even pray! At every Elevation I ask our dear Jesus to help me to love Him more and more.

Enclosed is the offering for the Novena for Father Penna, also several Mass intentions for dear friends and neighbors who have been called to their eternal reward during the past few weeks. If it is possible Father will you please offer a Mass of Thanksgiving in honor of the Blessed Mother on Tuesday, July 3rd. for my husband and myself, it is our 25th. Wedding Anniversary. It pleases me greatly to include an offering for a Mass for your own intentions Father.

We have missed you so very much this past month and pray you will soon be among us again.

Many, many thanks for always being so gracious and generous in granting the requests I make for Masses. I am indeed most grateful and appreciative Father. May God and His Holy Mother bless you now and always,

Faithfully yours,

Kay Spears

P/S. Will Father's Novena end on the feast of the Visitation?

1244 South Florence Place
Tulsa 4, Oklahoma
June 28, 1962

Dear Father Aloysius:

May God reward you for the wonderful work that you are doing and may God accept me to also work for His glorification.

I am happy to report to you that there is some improvement in Joseph's condition. The pain has lessened in the prostate area and the pain in his back has subsided a great deal. Of course, there is still some discomfort but we are so grateful for the improvement. Your prayers are greatly appreciated and we are sure that our dear Mother will hear your pleas on his behalf.

There is a lady who works with me that is trying very hard to convince me that I should go with her to the Pentecostal church. She talks to me in "tongues" and as she is doing it she keeps placing her hand over my heart and telling me that Jesus and the Holy Ghost is trying to dwell in my heart and wants me to come with Him. I tell her that He has been in my heart for a long time and it doesn't take someone talking in tongues to tell me that. The devil is trying very hard to tempt me, I am sure. I want a rule of life according to His divine will, which I am sure that you in time will give me.

Victor has not found any employment yet but we continue to pray and with confidence we know that he will be able to provide for his family through the generosity of our Lord and His and our Mother.

My sister, as could be expected, is very grief-stricken at the loss of her husband. She is trying to find some work to make a livelihood for herself. She needs converting worst of all and then she will find peace of mind.

Father, surely you know my own heartache, longing for our dear Lord and our Mother. All the cares of the world seem so unimportant in comparison to the desire I have to be in the service of our Lord. I know that in serving mankind I am doing a service to God and I must be patient and content with my station in life. There are so many who need help and have asked for my prayers, but I am so unworthy to pray and expect to be heard when there are so many others that understand how to pray and have dedicated themselves to prayer. Still, I keep remembering the "widows mite". Maybe my little prayer will add to the wonderful prayers you are saying for all of the afflicted.

May God reward you and keep you close to His heart. I hope to see you again someday.

Sincerely
(Mrs) Margaret Anderson

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Anderson
1244 So. Florence Place
Tulsa 4, Okla.

July 4, 1962

Dear Father -

As I sit here in the trailer completely surrounded by the beautiful Sierras and try to drink up all the beauty that is here in just a few short days, my thoughts go back to you and I wish that you could be here to rest and enjoy this place - you would love it here, except for the mosquitoes - they are terrible this year.

We are camped right on a lake, 7000 feet up and at night it is so dark that the sky looks like billions of tiny diamonds. There is still lots of snow at the higher levels; in fact Sunday after Mass we took the children up to 9000 feet to a beautiful lake named Virginia Lake and there the snow was right down to the waters edge - the kids made sleds out of heavy

canvas they found and would slide down three at a time, yelling and screaming all the while.

This is the first year we have brought all the children - in fact we have two of Virg's sisters' girls besides our own five and they are all having a wonderful time. It would please you to see the boys having such fun and they have been just wonderful - every little while I can hear Stevie coming from a distance singing one of his songs, so unconcerned - he must make people smile as he passes their camps - no matter how dirty he gets he is still cute - and Gregory - you should see him - he can't get over the wonder of it all - he will stand for minutes at a time with his hands in his pockets just looking up at the mountains - I wonder

what he thinks about - and
grant, of course, he is their
leader - and they couldn't have
a better one - he is so good
and eager to please and so
sensible - we are very lucky!

And now about Kathy -
if she was any healthier it
would be too much - she
never stops & feels wonderful -
she climbs way up the
mountainside to a high lake
sometimes twice a day and,
if it isn't that then she's
taking the boat out on the
lake.

Just one year ago I sat
in this same camp ground,
in this same trailer after
we had discovered the growth
in her ear and even though
no tests had been made yet
we had taken her to the doctor
and I had seen the exchange

of glances between the doctors and I knew this was not a simple matter though I didn't mention it to anyone - now a year later she just couldn't be more well - and all because we found you and St. Anthony Mary Claret - How good God has been to us - what if he hadn't sent us to you and what if you hadn't taken such an interest in Kathy - how different the outcome would have been.

Father, we are so much more fortunate, I feel, than some people who receive immediate cures because with your help, Kathy's sufferings have made us so much stronger spiritually. in fact, our whole outlook has changed - everything has new meaning and we won't forget just because we have

what we want - that's why I want Virg to keep on ushering on Sundays as I told you - he enjoys doing it & people are getting used to his being there and it keeps us close - it is very easy to slip away a little at a time and I don't want us to be "someone who used to come here" as I have heard you refer to people at times; also, it would make me very happy if you would let me help you or Richard or anyone with typing or whatever. There must be things from time to time that I could do at home to ease the load a little and it would give me great joy to help.

I want to tell you what the doctor said last week when I took Kathy - I didn't

want to go into it Saturday night as you were so tired and anyway it might have bothered Kathy.

He said that without benefit of a new X-Ray it is his opinion that the tumor is still there encased in a wall of scar tissue from which it could break out at any time or never - he said that the extreme dosage of radiation caused this scar tissue to build up rapidly which is what nature tries to do but can't because the malignant tissue grows more rapidly than the healthy tissue; however he said that there isn't a doctor who would have given her a chance in a million to be like she is now and that they are just amazed at her recovery

and that she can live her whole life with the tumor there - he said that only faith and prayer could have made her like she is now.

As far as we're concerned, we know she will remain well and if the tumor is still there God has his own good reasons; maybe it's to keep us from being too sure of ourselves; anyway we know God will take care of everything and that is all that matters.

You should see Virg - he hasn't shaved for three days and looks like a hobo but he's rested and is having fun fishing and has caught lots of trout - about 75 or 80 I think - He has promised to shave today though because it's Grant's birthday - We

drove 50 miles yesterday to get
him a birthday cake - the
altitude does something to the
ones I bake up here - they just
fall apart - Grant is 7 today
& this year he will make
his First Communion - I hope
it will make a deep impression
on him - St. Teresa says that
all spiritual life stems from
First Communion so I hope
that will be true for Grant.

We will be going home
Monday night & will be at the
Novena the next Sunday - I
have missed being there these
Sundays and will miss being
there for First Friday, but
we will go to Mass up here
anyway.

Don't forget to bless us on
Sunday when you are blessing
all the people - we count
on it - we trust in it -
we will make it easier

on God than usual - being up 7000 feet he won't have to bend down quite so low to bless us.

I hope you have been well - it's too bad you have to be so tired and give so much of yourself all the time but then you wouldn't be happy if you weren't giving of yourself and helping all those people - how wonderful you are!!

See you next week -

With much love,
Kay & Virg

P.S. Just read this over & I certainly have rambled haven't I?

1437 Drake Avenue,
Burlingame, California,
July 9, 1962.

Dear Father Aloysius,

A good friend of mine in distress telephoned from Berkeley today. She had an accident through a nail which punctured her and the pathologist at the hospital insisted that she have a shot against tetanus, but her doctor is unwilling to give it as it may result very dangerously, sometimes even fatally. Her husband, an eye and ear specialist is also opposed to

Aloysius, accept the enclosed offering with my deepest, deepest gratitude.

Ever faithfully,

Maria C. Buehrle, e.d.m.

it so she was very upset and did not know what to do. At the moment she has decided to listen to the doctor and await results, but she is apprehensive.

I had spoken of you to her on a former occasion and she said today that she wishes that you were here. I promised that I would write to you and beg for a Mass, and she felt more at ease. She is a convert, an exquisite person and an artist, and is dear to me. I should be so grateful for a Mass.

This also gives me occasion to thank you with all my heart for the help that you so generously gave me during my last visit. I really feel that I am considerably better.

Since my return I had difficulty in finding a room here and until a week ago, had to commute to and from either San Francisco or Berkeley; but now I am comfortably settled, and busy with my teaching.

The rosary that you gave me is a treasure and I am so grateful for it. The fragrance of roses that it carries has a soothing effect.

August will come very quickly I am sure, and before it passes I hope to be in Los Angeles again as I promised. Please, dear Father

Dear Father Aloysious Ellacuria,

I am writing to you in regards to my daughter Loretta Ann McBride. She will be having an operation of tonsilectomy next Monday Feb 19th.

She has been ailing for some time not knowing what is making her feel so badly, doctoring too.

Two months ago she was in the hospital with a very bad case of quinsy. The poison was going through her system badly.

Finally the doctor told her tonsils must come out.

Dear Father, as a begging mother for prayers. I ask of You if it be Gods Holy Will, to give her doctor the power to make a clean and successful operation, and that Loretta will have a speedy recovery with no after affects, and that

this operation will be the finding of her future good health,

I wanted so much last sunday to bring her for your blessing but it rained so & she is to keep from catching more cold.

Your kind prayers of favors received in the past have meant so very much to me, from the bottom of my heart I am so very grateful.

Trusting again, in appreciation for this ordeal be successful, and that my dear Loretta ~~well~~ will come through alright, God be willing.

Little Robert is back to school doing fine, The boy whom was so sick ~~last~~ last summer remember? God Bless you.

Thanking you again.

I am
Sincerely
Mrs Stewart

P.S.
I know saying a tonsilectomy isnt to bad an operation, but an operation is a operation to go through & all of us mothers feel the same please excuse me,

Dear Father:

Many thanks for your wonderful blessings and prayers. Am happy to report that the doctor has given me an encouraging report regarding my eyes - had been seeing him every four months for the last year - and my next

visit there will be a lapse of eight months know that it is due to prayer and continue to pray for further improvement. Have just completed a wonderful novena to our beloved St. Anthony Mary Claret.

Sincerely -

Clara Schmitt

535 Padilla St
San Gabriel

PAX

SAINT ANDREW'S PRIORY
VALYERMO, CALIFORNIA

July 6, 1962

My Dear Father in Christ -

I am near the end of my novitiate. My profession was to be made July 11th. These last two months have been offered to God in illness: ulcerative colitis.

The Fathers in Chapter here accepted me, including my infirmity but we are dependent on our Abbey in Belgium and they have not accepted me.

Pray for me to do His will completely and with the Love He deserves. Please God we shall praise Him face to face one day.

In Xto
Bro Basil (Nick Franke)

J. M.

College of the Holy Names
3500 Mountain Blvd.
Oakland, California
July 6, 1962

Rev. Aloysius Ellicuria, C.M.F.
Dear Father,

Please forgive my tardiness in sending this note. Everything has been happening so fast and furiously, that I haven't had a chance to stop and catch my breath. We are going into the 3rd week of summer —

you see, I'm not very good, and Mother Provincial just might say "no." But I do love God, and the only thing that I want out of life, is to be a Sister of the Holy Names. That is the fulfillment of all my dreams.

You said too, that you would watch over and protect me, from heaven, just as mother is now doing. Father, I am going to hold you to that promise. Just as you can count daily on my prayers. Thank you for your friendship Father, it means a great deal.

school.

Father, thank you for your many kindnesses to my family during the years, and especially at the time of my mother's death. Thank you for all of the Masses and prayers that you have offered. Thank you for saying the Requiem Mass, and for presiding at the ceremonies of interment. Thank you most of all, Father, for your sympathy and your understanding. You see, I have quite a long list to thank you for. I am very grateful to you, Father, and you can be certain that you are daily remembered in my Mass and Communion.

Father, once as a little child, I asked you to bless me, so that I would be on fire with love of God. I want once again to ask that favor of you. Will you bless and pray for me that I may always love God with all that I am, and that I may never stop giving to Him with love. We make our Vows on the 22nd of August. (Final Vows) This is the favor I will ask of Him on that day. Of course, we haven't received our "answers" yet, and I am just a little nervous.

J. M.

Please know Father, if ever there is a time that I can do anything for you, never hesitate to ask!!

Please pray now Father, that Mother Provincial will hurry up and give us our "answers" and that it will be "yes"! Bishop Begin is going to preside at the ceremony, and he has yet to delegate some priest to interview

us. (canonical examination.)
I wish that he would hurry
up! You see, patience is a
virtue that I haven't acquired.

I am studying hard and
enjoying summer session. We
close s. s. on the 3rd of August.
Our retreat begins on the evening
of the 6th and ends on the
morning of the 15th. Our
vacation begins then, & lasts until
the 24th. (Final Vow Ceremony on
the 22nd of Aug.) Fr. Patrick Donahoe, S.J.
is giving our retreat. We're all
looking forward to attending
nun's day at Claretville.

God love you very
much, Father, and please keep
me in your prayers.

Sincerely in J.M.,
Sister Mary Rose Richards,
S.N.J.M.

J. M. J. A.

July 7, 1962

Dear Father Aloysius:

We hope that this finds you well and in good spirits. Just in case it doesn't we are having our dear freind, Father Pius (Capachin) from Broken Arrow to say a holy Mass for you on the feast of our Lady of Mt. Carmel, July 16, so that she will give you lots of strength, body and soul. It will be said in St. Anne's Church there and while we were there, I asked Jesus' grandmother to help our good friend, Father Aloysius. She is so good I know that she will. They have a relic of her there at the foot of her statue.

You will be happy to hear that I am feeling better from the old arthritis for the past two days. The doctor said the pain in the spine was from a pinched nerve where one of the verabra has slipped on it and caused muscle spasms. It took a long time to clear it up but it finally did. However, it was a good chance to offer it to our Blessed Mother and I asked her to please give you some of the benefit of it for I know that you can used all the help that you can get, and while it is not much it is so painful I couldn't stand it if I did not offer it for something special.

Father, our little granddaughter, age three, prays for you every night when she says her prayers and when she goes to Mass and last Sunday night when she said her prayers for you, when she finished she told her mother, Father Aloysius, poor Father Aloysius doesn't feel good, he doesn't feel like talking. Then a few days later she climbed on my knee and said "Grandma, I dreamed about father Aloysius and he didn't feel good, he couldn't even lift Mary." (That's her baby sister, age two) I just laughed and told her not to worry about you, that you were okay but she would not be consoled. I asked what you looked like in her dream and she pointed to the picture of the Sacred Heart. I think she has you confused with God. Bless her heart. She always talks about going to California when she gets big so she can see you. I don't know what she expects. She is a very unusual child. She nearly died when she was born and so did my daughter. We prayed to the Little Flower's mother, Zelie Martin to cure her and when she got well, the nuns in France had us write them the whole case and get letters from both doctors, one Catholic and one non-Catholic and had us send it to them. Of course they were praying for her as were lots of other good and holy nuns here in this country, so we are hoping and praying that she will be a Carmelite nun when she grows up. My daughter has dedicated them both to our Blessed Mother and maybe it will be our good fortune some day.

I still don't have all my Novena booklets to St. Anthony Claret as the Center was out of them and people are clamouring for them. In fact I do not have one myself. In the morning when I go into Mass I leave some in the back of Church and when I come out they are already gone. I hope they send the rest soon.

Father Duffy went on to heaven. You remember I told you about him with cancer of the throat. The dear Blessed Mother cured him of T. B. when he was in the seminary so he got to be a priest of God for awhile anyway

I read in the paper that Mrs. Fitzsimmons went to heaven too. They both went about the same time. How happy they must be !

We have been reading the life of Christ as told by Anna Catharine Emmerick and it is

so interesting to follow the Holy Family along with the Liturgy of the Church for it goes into such great descriptive detail--much better that the City of God by Mary Agreda. It gives us a greater closeness and love of them, something similiar to what we felt when we were in California. We can never thank you enough for that. It is really something to hold on to when things get rough and they do get rough at times.

Father, St. Anthony Claret has come to our aid again! We have a priest friend Father Anthony Chojecki who was to be leave Tulsa for a new assignment and he was so sad, he really didn't want to go. One Sunday morning when we were taking him home, he had been helping out in our parish, he was telling us how much he would miss being here and how he wished so to stay at least as Chaplain at one of the hospitals here where he visits the sick all the time. We told him not to worry as we would start a Novena to St. A. M. C. right away and he would stay in Tulsa. He looked dubious and shrugged his shoulders and the Benedictine Nuns gave him a farewll party and then the Bishop came back and still no world of where he would be stationed. He had moved all his belongings already to a friends basement, paked and ready to go whereever he would be sent and you know what? He is staying right where he was for the last 14 years! Not only is he the chaplain of the School but, also for the Convent so he will probably become a fixture there from now on. Isn't that wonderful of St. Anthony to do that for him?

Father I didn't intend to write so much and take up so much of your time, but thought you might be interested in some of these things that mean so much to us.

Best wishes to you and all the Claretians in that wonderful Claretian country, but especially to Father Ambrosi and Brother Larry who were so kind to us. We will never forget them either.

In the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Your loving children
Roy and Mary Emanuelson

12 de Julio 1962

Jose Alvarez Laso, C.M.F., Superior Provincial
Gabriel Mancera
415 Colonia del Valle
Mexico 12, D. F.

Muy Reverendo Padre:

Sirven las presentes lineas para saludar a V.R. con todo el respeto que se merece por su alto cargo y por su persona tan favorecida de Dios.

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De V. R. Afmo hijo in Corde Matris

Sunday July 9, 1962

Dear Father Aloysius;

I beg your pardon for burdening you with my difficulties but I'm so impatient, for I can see how much can be done if we were only together for the honor and glory of God.

This morning I thanked God but I also want to thank you - Mary Jo went to communion this morning for the first time in months and also she made my breakfast. She also seemed so contended, and I feel since I named her after Our Lady when I was a little girl myself - she will some day prove herself to be a child of Mary.

The idea occured to me ~~that~~ Jack would liked to be asked to do something and he can write beautifully so if you have anything that needs a BRAIN to do please ask him because as you already we are all basically good but the Devil is dilligent in his efforts to destroy us.

Take care of yourself for us who need to see a good follower of Christ. God Bless you

Anthony Michael Scott's Mother

MARIA BAZZANO
2011 HOLLY HILL TERRACE
HOLLYWOOD 28, CALIFORNIA

July 11, 1962

Dear Father Aloysius,

may I thank you most sincerely for your help in praying for a dear friend of mine. I know you did beaause Joe Crisa came over and asked you. This frimnd is now coming along alright and we hope with the grace of God he will be alright. Please continue praying for him and his family and add my dearest brother John to your daily prayers too because he has been operated on four times, but the operations don't seem to help him too much. He is a wonderful kind person, and I know that with your help he will get better. I hope someday to meet you and receive your blessing in person. I shall try and reciprocate by remembering you in my prayers. The small offering I enclose is for whatever use you might have for it.

Thank you again dear father Aloysius and pray for me.

Best wishes, respedtfully yours,

Maria Bazzano

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Ave, Cor Mariae Immaculatum!

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Juan Luis Ellacuria, CMF.

A.M.D.G.

MOTHER HOUSE
SISTERS OF CHARITY OF LEAVENWORTH
XAVIER, KANSAS

July 12, 1965

Reverend and dear Father Aloysius -

I am here at our Mother house for my annual retreat, which started yesterday. Father Fisher, S.J. Novice Master from St. Louis is conducting the retreat.

Do you remember last year I began my retreat on August 6 and I had the privilege of going to Confession to you that day. I cherish the instruction you gave me. to ask Our Blessed Mother that I might become one with Christ,

To be transformed into Jesus. You know how very good God has been to me. I am deeply grateful for all the graces you have obtained for me.

How is your health? Sister Rose Veronica who you know is with us at St. Anthony's in Las Vegas, told me you were feeling much improved.

I appreciated your telling me last summer following my retreat, the Blessed Mother had visited you and that your head aches were relieved. I was sorry I could not have had a longer visit that day.

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SISTERS OF CHARITY OF LEAVENWORTH
XAVIER, KANSAS

Think you so much for praying for my niece Ann Downey in Oakland. Her operation for cancer was very serious, a bone graft was done from her thigh bone to her breast bone. I have been too busy to write to my nephew recently so I have not heard from him.

I want to ask you to offer a novena of Masses in honor of St. Anthony Claret, that if God Will, Ann may be completely cured. I am enclosing a card, for you to mail, that Ann and Lawrence may know the dates of the novena and if possible attend Mass those days.

I have two more requests. My niece ~~Barb~~ Barbara Ann Zeller in Kansas City is a young mother 25 years old with a son 18 months old and one 6 months. Before Barbara married she had a serious infection which effected her kidneys, with each of her pregnancies she had had to be treated in the Hospital because of the severe kidney complications, the second pregnancy being more severe than the first, Barbara is pregnant again. She was in the Hospital last week, she is very thin, has no energy and is discouraged because of her poor health.

Father, please ask God if it is His Holy will to

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to restore her health, and give her the strength she needs to care for her family.
She was married on the Feast of the Immaculate Heart August 22. 1959. she loves Our Blessed Mother and has great devotion to the Sacred Heart. Since her name is Barbara Ann will you please ask St. Anne and St. Barbara to obtain her cure from the hands of Our Blessed Mother.
Please offer three Masses for this intention.
I am enclosing a card for you to mail to Barbara so she may go to Mass those days if possible.

My other request is for Mrs Shirley Burden.
of Beverly Hills. Please offer a Mass in honor
of Our Blessed Mother and one in honor of
St. Anthony Claret for her intentions.
I would like for you to meet Mr. and Mrs Shirley
Burden. Mr Burden wrote the book for the
Trappist, "God is my Life", and took the
pictures in the book. He has also written
a book on Lourdes, which is now being published.
Will you write in the dates you will
offer these two Masses and mail the card

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to Mrs Burden. if she and her husband may come to the Masses will you invite them -

I am asking a number of favors. but I know how generous you are!

Sister Mary David sent each Sister in our house at Las Vegas one of the rosary you had blessed with those very special Indulgences on each bead. Will you be sending rosaries again to that person to be blessed? If I may send

you seem to be pleased, how many may I send?
If this is asking too much, do not mind telling me no.

May God bless you for your many kindnesses to me and my friends. Sister Mary David and Sister Mary Eustella are making this retreat also. Kindly remember us in your prayers –

Sincerely yours in the Sacred Heart –

Sister Ann Raymond

GLENERA SHEEHAN HUNTER
824 ¼ SOUTH SERRANO AVENUE
LOS ANGELES 5, CALIFORNIA
TELEPHONE: DUnkirk 4-2838

July 13, 1962

Rev. Aloysius Ellacuria, C. M. F.
Claretian Provincial House
1119 Westchester Place
Los Angeles 19, California

Dear Father Aloysius:

Sister Angustias of the Servants of Mary tells me that you have been ill. I offer my prayerful wishes that you will be well soon.

Sister also suggested that I write to you relative to a friend of mine; Sister Rebecca, O.S.B. of St. Benedict's Hospital Ogden, Utah.

Sister Rebecca will arrive by train on Monday morning July 23rd, she has special permission to spend the night with me. Tuesday the 24th July I take her to Dr. Howard P. House for a 1PM appointment and then to St. Vincent's Hospital were she is to have surgery in both ears the morning of the 25th.

She had operations on both ears through the Los Angeles Foundation of Otology performed by Dr. House here in 1958 and it was not successful. Sister Rebecca is not only a Registered Nurse but Chief Pharmacist and has written extensively and also lectured to many groups throughout the United States. She is only about 40 years old and her hearing loss in both ears is almost zero even with Aids.

I'm making this rather long, do hope you forgive me and I pray that sometime Monday afternoon July 23rd perhaps I could bring Sister to you for your Blessing. I could bring her to the Provincial House or wherever would be convenient for you providing you have the time to spare and well enough.

You blessed me on two Sundays and I was planning a long drive in my car out of state for business. I didnt go--"God writes straight with crooked line"?! I had a heart attack and the doctor said if I'd been in the desert when it happened I wouldnt be alive to write this. I returned another Sunday after the attack in Thanksgiving. I'm getting along slowly but well and I know your blessings prevented a trip that would have ended in death.

I am reading an interesting paper back, just republished by Sheed & Ward, London. The Spiritual Letters of Dom John Chapman,O.S.B. It was recommended to me by a Trappist Priest and if you have time for something like that, I'll be glad to send for another copy.

May God keep you in the hallow of His hand---Thank you personally for what you did for me.

Sincerely in Christ,

Glenera S. Hunter

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THE AHWAHNEE

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK
CALIFORNIA

July 17, 62

To our dearly beloved
Community at Westchester Place.

This is our forth day at Yosemite. Each of you are in our thoughts and in our hearts, wishing everyone of you were here with us enjoying this remnant of the terrestial paradise.

Our trip to Yosemite has been a very pleasant one. After leaving Los Angeles at about twenty to eleven, we arrived in Calwa at three thirty. Had a little difficulty in finding the Place, but finally did. After making a visit to the Blessed Sacrament, we toured the parish property and, likewise, visited our Mission Chapel of Malaga, about three miles from the parish of St. Anthony Mary Claret. The two Fathers, Bernard Nowicki and Peter Oliveros were very gracious hosts to us. We certainly hope and pray that some-day we will have a good Claretian Parish in this area. Fr. Peter took

us on a tour around the beautiful new developments that we hope will be within the demarkation of our parish. This new development has 650 new homes and room for more in this ten to twenty two thousand dollar price range area. A new large shopping center is to be built, soon.

The ninety four miles between Fresno and Yosemite were most scenic, first, beautiful farm lands and then the gorgeous oak trees that seemed to have the adequate climate to grow fast against their proverbial slow growth. We saw the beautiful spruce begin to intersperse amidst the oaks until the latter gave way to all the variety of pines, junipers, spruce, Douglas furs, incense cedars, black hills and redwoods. And then on arriving at Yosemite we felt speechless with all the grandeur and beauty of what's left of God's most beautiful trees. Even, Tom, in spite of his love for Prescott, had to admit it was nothing in comparison of what he was witnessing around him. We gave him credit for his down right honesty.

We arrived long enough before dusk to make reservations for Holy Mass the next day, aware that we were on the eve of the 113th anniversary of the birth-day of our Spiritual Mother, our beloved Congregation.

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Monday, July 16, our great Claretian Feast, we had two Masses, the first Holy Mass was by a priest from New York who said the Mass de feria. And then our Mass followed in honor of our Lady of Mount Carmel. The sacristan invited Tom to say Mass, thinking he was a priest.

In the morning after breakfast, we walked the mile from the Ahwahnee to see the museum in the Village. We were surprised to see the crowds so avid in learning about the local geology at Yosemite and the different branches of natural history.

The corner room that Dr. McKenna financed at $36 a day, on the fifth floor of the hotel for Father, has all the sanitary facilities that Father is sharing with us.

Last Monday night we parked the car by the creek not thinking that animals would come for water. Dom woke up in the middle of the night screaming his head off from having a huge bear lick his head and was frightened to death thinking that the bear might lap up more than the dandruff from the balding surface of his head. But to the bear's disappointment and Dom's salvation, the 1200# bear found Dom's head so repugnant from being over seasoned with too much Latin. Really, the fine sniffing nostrils and the delicate taste of the over grown bear found that Dom's head was to repellent to sample. So, Dom's effort for studying Latin has been amply rewarded. Bro. John is proposing to pass this anecdote on to the forest rangers of Yosemite National Park. ~~For~~ For further details ask Dom, on our return to West-chester Place about the kiss of the bear.

The same day, Br. John had a close call with a rattle snake on our hike. But the nine Holy Rosary crown that we three said to honor our Blessed Mother and to thank God for the foundation of our Congregation, saved Bro. John from the poisonous

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rattle snake, and saved Tom from the bear's hug.

The Catholic Chaplain for Yosemite, Fr. Murphy, has been very nice to us. He gave me a stipend to say Mass for him and, likewise, the faculties to hear confessions while residing here.

The other morning we met some of our friends from Los Angeles, Mr and Mrs. Wenger, whose home I blessed and consecrated to the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, have come often to our Sunday, Novena.

Now that the first part of our vacation is over, we look forward to visit Carmel with its famed Mission where Fr. Junipero Serra is buried. and to visit our Community in Stockton and to meet our Very Rev. Fr. Provincial at Clayton, at the sight of our future Minor Seminary.

We wish our Very Rev. Fr. Provincial and Fr. Richard the greatest success with the Cursillos. May a huge turn-out come at the inauguration in Dominguez this coming Friday.

We picture Fr. Ambrosi, happy as meadow-lark because of all the unexpected prospects coming each day. Good news! we have a good prospect whose name we will turn in on our arrival at Westchester Place.

And we see Dom Mallon's face somewhat stern and preoccupied in finding new means and ways to improve his Latin. While dignified Br. Richard is mastering the situation and moving about with ever wider smiles and so happy that Father's Vacation is a Vacation to him, too. We see little Br. Louie, dashing from one building to another trying to satisfy both Fr. Ambrosi and Bob Downing with a mischievous look on his eyes. Often Br. John's mind wanders to his beloved gardens at Westchester Place picturing our new Br. Joseph Zakowski handling ably all the garden tools.

Best regards to Andy, Bob Downing, Bill Spielman and Mrs. Baltierra.

Nos cum prole pia benedicat Virgo Maria In Corde Matris

Fr. Aloysius Ellacuria Cmf

Bro John M Perez cmf - Tom Fothis

Also, on the "bright" side of my "report", may I say how grateful I am, Father, for your good prayers and blessing. Thank God, I am feeling more like myself - I am, of course, taking medication, but I like to feel that it is entirely the Divine Physician, as indeed it is. Too, Dr. Foley called me last evening and told me that the most important test we took was negative. So, you see, Father, I have much to be grateful for.

Father, I truly hope it is possible for you to use the enclosure for yourself -- oh, for anything that will add some joy and happiness to this Wonderful Feast Day for you; if you can't think of anything else, Father, why you can always use it for the Holy Sacrifice to be offered for you, or your Loved Ones.

You know it took Sister Fina to make me realize that while it is true a Priest celebrates the Holy Sacrifice daily, these are not Masses said for him.

I was going to wish for you a Happy Feast Day, but, rather, I say to myself -- would that everyone could appreciate and enjoy this Beautiful Day as you shall be doing!

Most sincerely, in the
Sheltering Love of
Mary's Immaculate Heart,

Ruth

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Yosemite National Park
California

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Dear Dr. McKenna,

This is my third day at the Ahwahnee. My ever deep and intense gratitude to you, my Doctor, grows indeed by leaps and bounds my every moment here. I still think it is a dream and too good to be true, but it is a amazing reality come forth from the goodness of your big heart.

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OPEN ALL YEAR

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Yosemite National Park
California

My trip to Yosemite has been very pleasant. On the way here I was afforded my first chance to see our Claretian Parish in Fresno. The Fathers there were quite surprised to see me, but when I explained them your extreme thoughtfulness and generosity as to make me promise repeatedly to take a vacation; and then how you, Doctor, looked for the best place that could be found for me to rest and how

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You climaxed it all by financing it at your own expence and at such a heavy cost. Those priests in Fresno and before them the Claretian priests in Los Angeles and vicinity, particularly, my Provincial Superior, Very Rev. Michael Cleare, all at one accord do repeat what an unusual Doctor you really must be.

The medicine that you gave me, Doctor, in your office, July 13th, did aid me in getting over my bronchitis in two days. On

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arriving here in Yosemite
I have continued each
day feeling better and I can
state today that I am com-
pletely well. You, Doctor,
are aware of the pure air
and incomparable water and
the regal comfort of the
Ahwahnee.

And as I say Holy
Mass each morning I
have the undeserved privil-
ege out a most binding
gratitude of praying, as I
do from the depths of my
heart, for you and your
loving wife and children
and your medical profession

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and above all for the continuance of your precious health and that God and the Blessed Mother may reward you always in all ways.

Your most grateful patient & likewise a Really expensive one

Fr. Aloysius Ellacuria C.M.F.

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July 18, 1962

Rev. Aloysious Ellicuria, C.M.F.,
Dear Father,

Please pardon the delay in send-the enclosed note. As you can see by the date it was written several days ago. Since I wrote it however, many things have happened here at the College. I thought it better to wait until I had a few minutes of peace and quiet and then to write to you.

Father, we received our "answers". I am not going to make my Final Vows. When

Mother Provincial told me, she explained it this way....God had given me a vivacious, enthusiastic, and loving nature, and it was not right to have to continually try to surpress this nature. He had meant for me to use this blessing, and I could do so much for the people in the world. I would never be happy later on, if I had always to conform... This is not my decision, Father. As far as I am concerned, I have always been happy. It is true that in the last 6 months, we have had an entirely new change on the Provincial Council. This does have something to do with it, and yet it must be God's will for me. He would not let it happen otherwise. Since it is not my decision, I still have the happiness and security of knowing that I am doing what He wants. And after all, isn't that what true sanctity consists of? In do ing perfectly, the will of God.....

God in His own good way and own good time, will make me the kind of saint that He wants me to be....I can say, "That's O.K. God, I still love You." It is almost as if I put my hand into His, and say,"O.K. God, where do we go from here.?" At first, I think that I was a little hurt...But I've gotten over that. What worries me most, is the reaction of the Sisters who have taught me, and known me for so long....it is the hurt that it will cause them.

God love you very much, Father.

Elaine Ehing

Highlands Inn
Carmel Highlands
Carmel, California

july 23,1962

My dear Dr. McKenna,

Greetings from Highlands Inn at Carmel by the Sea. Arrived here Friday evening the 20th, and tomorrow the 24th, ends the wonderful vacation that you have provided, in your extreme graciousness, for me and my two confreres.

I will not be able to return to Los Angeles, immediately, because the V. R. Fr. Provincial wants me to meet him at Clayton, in the new diocese of Oakland where we have purchased a sight for a new Minor Seminary. Fr. Michael wants to discuss with me the building plans and the landscaping of this Claretian Seminary in Nothern California.

The last three days I have said Mass at the Carmel Mission Basilica. The founder of the California Missions, Fr. Junipero Serra is buried on the gospel side of the sanctuary at the Mission Basilica. Likewise, tommrrow I will say Mass at the Mission. These four Masses at the Carmel have been offered for you, your wife, loving wife, your children and your medical profession; I ha I pronounce your name in the Holy Mass with my warmest thanks. Yesterday, Sunday, your Mass was the childrens Mass at 9:00. The Basilica was groúded with people, many of them tourists who were united with me, as celebrant of the Mass, all praying fo with me for you.

The Pator of the Carmel Mission is none other than a Bishop. HIs name is Bishop Clinch. He asked me where I was staying and I told him that you generously provided for me and two other Claretians at the Highlands Inn.

The Highlands Inn has been as supreme as the Ahwahnee. I feel grand from all this rest I have taken, and the best of care I have received been given in both places. My gratitude to you, my Doctor, is as deep and as wide as the Pacific Ocean that is in front of me as I write these lines in my room at Highlands Inn.

Your patient,

Doris York

17331 RAYMER • NORTHRIDGE, CALIFORNIA

July 23,1962

Dear Father Aloysius,

I am delighted to tell you that Mrs.Kippes,for whom you offered a Mass, was delivered of a handsome seven pound-two ounce baby boy who will,the doctor believes, be a normal child. However,this didn't happen without God's personal intervention (at your request,I'm sure). By the time she reached the hospital she was in the third stage of labor (this is the seventh) and delivered normally without the section she had planned!

I know this is good news to you - and I'm so very very grateful for your prayers for Mrs.K. However, I am writing this letter mainly in the hope that you will assist me in my apostolic intention.

Last first Friday the two ladies seated at my table at lunch eagerly agreed to becoming Auxiliary Member of the Legion of Mary. This made me hope that perhaps a number of the Guild members might be equally receptive.

Many of the members are very busy people I know and could not add the burden of regular Legion membership to their heavy schedules. However, the effort required of the auxiliary member is slight: merely the recitation of the Legion Prayer (which I enclose for you) along with a daily rosary. This is not an additional rosary -- just the Legion Prayer and intentions along with the regular rosary.

I believe that nearly all of the Guild members recite the daily rosary and might be receptive to auxiliary membership if you recommended it. I'm certain that they, like myself, regard everything you say,advise or request with the greatest seriousness and receptivity.

If you will consent to recommend the Legion to the ladies, I will glady take their names,parishes etc.(Not all parishes have an active legion, but members of those which do not would be registered with the Curia and called on by Legionaries from a nearby parish.) and see that they receive the prayer and other material.
The longer I am a Catholic the more and more sure I become of the tremendous power of prayer. With the world in the state that it is and with the Ecumenical Council coming up in October, it seems to me that a virtual holocaust of prayer from the Guild members would be a tremendous thing. I hope,dear Father, that you will agree and perhaps help me in this project.

Once again,Father,I cannot thank you enough for what you have done for me and how much your prayers have helped me. I can only say that you are, and always will be, very very important in my own prayers.

Sincerely in our Lady

Doris

July 24, 1962

Dear Father,

Welcome back! We hope your trip was restful for you and that you will continue to bless us with your presence for a long time to come — unless God should choose you first, for Heaven! And if He does, please pray for us!

Father would you please advise me again concerning my vocation — and the choice of an order. You may remember me as the girl who was rejected from the Sisters of the Good Shepherd and who is now caring for the elderly aunt of a Jesuit priest — thanks to you, Father.

You suggested that I consider the Carmelites of the Little Flower — I have, and I like them — but there's another order, the <u>Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart</u> in which I am also interested because I am particularly devoted to the Sacred Heart and to the negroes. and they were founded to help teach Christian doctrine to negroes.!

Father, God's Will is the important thing — where does He want or need me — do you know? Your guidance would be very helpful — and I would appreciate it very much. I will call you for an appointment, if it's possible, on your return.

May your Cross grow sweeter as the "burden" of God's love grows heavier —

Sincerely in Christ,
Patricia Hagarty

Watsonville, Calif.
July 29, 1962

Fr. Aloysius Ellacuria.

Reverend & dear Father:

I would very much like to see you August 18, in the afternoon at your church in Los Angeles.

I am bothered terribly at night, I can not get enough sleep.

I have gone to the priest here and they say it is not for them and Fr Clement Roggi from the Hermitage of the Camoldoli at Big Sur has referred me to you so if you can spare the time I would appreciate it so much.

I will see my doctor in Glendale in the morning August 18, and call you on for your appointment.

God bless you.

Chas Tognette.

144 Green Valley Rd
Watsonville, Calif

Sunday July 29 - 62

Fr. Aloysius Ellacuria
Dear Rev. Father:
Am inclosing 2 One dollar bills for a mass card - A lady here in Bakersfield told me to write you and ask you to pray for me. Im desperately in need of help. About 3½ yrs ago I had a serious operation which left me deeply depressed. Ive been taking medicine from the Dr. & praying hrs every day for relief. at first I thought Id soon be restored again to health but after all these yrs & no relief I now start to cry before I finish my prayers & become more depressed than ever My husband cared for me did the cooking & helped me so much but over a yr. ago he had a heart attack in May received the Last Sacraments & then recovered but in Aug. he had cerebral hemmorage & passed away but recd the Last Sacraments again before he left this world Now Im all alone & can do such very little so Im more depressed

than ever. I put in hrs a day
praying for relief and also praying
for others who ask me to help them. They
phone to tell me my prayers brot
them relief, but praying for
my self dont seem to help me at
all & Ive always wanted so to
do for others but am so helpless. Ive
prayed so much & to meet a person
who would pass by & take me
along to church during the wk
but I know so few people, & now
when I pray I cry because I cant
get an ans. Wont you please ask
the Immaculate Heart of Mary to help
me & to send me the Blessings by
the angels.

May God Bless You
Most Sincerely
Anna J. Mayhew
2581 La Siesta Dr.
Bakersfield
Calif.

J. M. J.

Joe Crisa

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Aug 1, 1962

Dear Most Rev. Holy Father Clucaria,

None of this would be possible and actually happening now before our very eyes had not Almighty God brought me to you for purification and correcting the focusing of perspective goals.

You will be a Saint. A real Saint. Cause I am praying extra special for your Sanctification and I'm praying almost as hard as you.

God Bless You My Holy Friend.

Joe Crisa

Pray for me.

1437 Drake Ave.,
Burlingame, California,
August 2, 1962.

Dear Reverend Father,

Your letter with its assurance of prayers, brought me joy, and I am happy to say that one of my dearest of friends is now safely out of the danger of the dreaded tetanus. She is deeply grateful, and has asked me not only to

work will end, and I shall have to decide upon new activities.

Thank you again and always, dear Father Aloysius, and Believe me,

Sincerely,

Marie C. Buehrle.

thank you, but to request some masses of thanksgiving for the Souls in Purgatory, for which I enclose the offering that she gave me. She is particularly anxious that you say one of the masses.

She wishes to write to you herself, but cannot easily do so now; so I am her messenger.

On behalf of myself, I shall add that I am looking forward to seeing you soon. Some friends here are driving to Sioux Falls, South Dakota and plan to take me with them on the way eastward. We expect to leave by the northern route on the sixteenth of this month. I have not, however, forgotten my promise to return to Los Angeles; so I intend to drive down perhaps some day next week, and remain with Mrs. O'Donnell for a few days.

Summer is nearly over now. Tomorrow we shall have final examinations, so after the grading of papers, my class-

August 5, 1962

Dear Father Aloysius:

We thank you very much for the Holy Masses you offered for our son and his family,and for all you prayers,especially for our grandson Raymond.

We are happy to let you know that Raymond is recovering.He was very sick and was in the hospital over three months.

Thanks be to God and to you Father.

In thankgiving we should like to ask you,Father, to offer one Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Very gratefully

Mr & Mrs V. Rudzitis

Offering:$ 2-

J. M. J.

Daughters of Mary and Joseph
3832 Jasmine Avenue
Culver City, California

August 2, 1962

Dear Father Aloysius,

Would you, please, offer a Mass for Eileen Dillane. As a very special favor, I would ask you to offer it

yourself. This lady is my Sister.
She is married, has 3 small
children and is thirty-six
years old. She has just
gone completely insane. It
looks hopeless, but prayer
can move mountains. Thank
you, Father, in anticipation. Please,
remember her in all your prayers.

Gratefully
Mother Mary Catherine

12442 California St.
Yucaipa, California
August 10, 1962

Reverend dear Father Aloysius:

James and I arrived here August 8th, and are living at the above address.

We know you are very busy and don't want to impose on your time, but we know also, that you wanted to see James as soon as possible. (He is quite tired today but has been feeling much better. The moving hasn't been too good for him, of course, but he rests when he feels he has to).

We will come in any day you say, Father. Just drop us a few lines or a card at the address above. And, we don't mind waiting when we arrive.

Please don't forget to pray for me also as I am badly in need of prayers at this time. I expect to look for a job next week and have not been fæling as strong or "peppy" as I should, and I will need good health if I am to keep a job after getting one.

Thank you for all your prayers and blessings. I pray for you always too.

Respectfully yours,

Mrs. James Glendinning

1554 Babbitt Ave.
Granada Hills, Calif.
August 12, 1962

Dear Fathers,

Somewhere I have seen a small card — on it a beautiful little thought regarding resignation to God's will and God's awareness of this particular trial, to this particular individual, from before time began. I am not sure it came from your community, but somehow think it did.

If you have such a card, or some other, equally appropriate, please send me a copy. It is for a dear aunt who is incurably ill with cancer. With each letter we are attempting to send along some small thought to give her comfort. Ten cents and a stamped envelope are enclosed.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Herman Desautels

J. M. J.

JOE CRISA

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August 13, 1962

DEO GRATCIA'S

MOST REV. FATHER ELUCARIA:

My Dear Most Holy Rev. Friend:

Our God is so Infinitly Fabulous the way He show's up when you least expect Him, plus the means He uses to communicate to us. Just like King David strutting down the street's banging on the symbols is my heart singing out in Divine Praise to Our Infinite Master.

I'm in love Father. I am truly in love with my God. Only because of Our Holy Mother and through her have I slowly gotten to know and to love Our Lord.

I am writting to you of course in complete confidential confidence. I will not come see you anymore except early in the mornings to recieve Holy Communion. And of course to recieve your Holy Blessing. Do not ask me to stay or chose to talk with me for there is not a thing I can say. This is all in the Hands of God.

Father if ever you have any doubts regarding the Favors Our Lord has bestowed upon you through the Hands of Our Blessed Mother, dis-regard them, for you are truly Blessed. The chains of events are too many and extremely intricate to even attempt to explain the solid positive proofs how Our Lord through Our Beloved Lady brought me to you. I have challenged many times my evaluations on this subject with with the same right reason that keeps me in the Light of God and I come up with the positive most beautiful simple delicate so obviously perfect proof that Mary brought me to you...every time.

Dear Father. If my mission in this world were complete now I would wish with all my heart that I could die now so to wake up in the arms of Our Beloved Jesus in the Brillancy of Our Triumphant Mother's Immaculate Heart looking into the Infinite Loving Face of Our Almighty God. Father. How much how much can we love God? My heart is bursting now yet I am die-ing of thirst to love God so much more. It was Mary who took me to God. It is Mary who keeps my feet straight on the path to Jesus. Mary Mary Mary. How I love you my Holy Mother.

Only in Divine Praise will I speak to you Father. At no time Father please when I come visit shall we speak worldly it only hurts and surfaces our human nature. It brings

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out suspicion, doubt, negative'ness, and dissolves the Beauty of the Holy Spirit atmosphere.

Unless God show's me another way I am going to have to go back to Night-Clubs and continue my work as a comedian. The atmosphere in these clubs is irreverant promiscuous, occassion of sin. For me to go back to this envirment now means for prudence sake I must underplay to extreme my zeal for God but yet if challenged must bear testimony as adroitly as God will permit.

Many people will not understand why I am going back especially to that envirerment, but that is the only avenue open for me to travel at the moment. I must make money and continue my climb in Show Business until I reach a position of influence and say so as to then persivere with the M.A.R.Y. project. Modern America's Reliant Youth.E As a successful comedian in Show Business I could then properly endorse such a project with cooperation rather than opposition.

You have heard of the Y.M.C.A. Young Men's Christian Association. Well I believe with all my heart and nothing has shown my right reason that it's evaluations are wrong, that the same can be done with the M.A.R.Y.

With the proper endorsement the M.A.R.Y. buildings could spread from town to town, to city to state to all the America's. M.A.R.Y. Centers. M.A.R.Y. Hospitals. The name of Mary sprêad throughout the country calling to all, directed to no one paticular religion. In fact no religion at all. What could opposing forces say? Nothing. Yet---Mary will shine to all and indirectly calling her lost children to the true Church, to the true fold. And dont you think the devils going to gnash his teeth.

Pray Father. And watch it happen.

God Bless you.

Sincerely in Christ through Mary

Joseph Crisa

TELEPHONE
KENWOOD 1-7820

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Provincial House - - Sisters of Mercy
8200 WEST OUTER DRIVE
DETROIT 19, MICHIGAN

August 13, '62

Dear Sister,

This is a hurried note. Mother Provincial wishes you to ask the good Claretian Father to pray that we may have more postulants. So far we have 22 and Mother did want us to have 30, at least. This is confidential.

Did you enjoy the retreat?

Love - pray for me,

Sister Mary Frederic, R.S.M.
Councilor

15 de Agosto 1962

Mi Carisimo Hermano Josechu:

He recivido tus gratisimas cartas y la tuya ultima del 11 de Agosto. La recivi ayer pero por falta de tiempo no la abri hasta hoy.

Muchas gracias por tus noticias. Ahora mismo voy escribir una notita a la niña Conchita Gonzalez. Tal vez no llegen a tiempo para el dia 18. Te mando la copia de la carta que escribo a Conchita porque el correo llegara antes a Bilbao que a San Sebastian Del Garabarandal.

Con todo mi afecto.

Tu hermano,

15 de Agosto 1962

Nina Conchita Gonzales
San Sebastian Del Garabarandal
Por COSIO
Santander, Espana

La Virgen Nuestra Santisima Madre hoy en su gran fiesta de la Asuncion colme de bendiciones celestiales a Conchita Maria Dolores Jacinta y Mari Cruz.

Os saludo con todo amor con que os ama la Virgen Santisima y os prometo recordaros siempre en la Santa Misa y en el Santo Rosario para que Dios Nuestro Senor cumpla todos sus admirables designios en y por vuestras personas: Vuestra Santificacion y la renovacion del mundo por vuestras oraciones y sacrificios. Os pido con toda mi alma que pidais por la Santificacion de mi hermano Sacerdote y Claretiano, el Padre Jose Maria Ellacuria. Entre los innumerables designios de Dios que teneis uno es la Santificacion de mi hermano Padre Jose Maria que os ha visitado. No ceseis de pedir por el. Pedid tambien para que mis sobrinos Juan Luis Ibarrondo y Pedro Ojanguren se hagan Santos Sacerdotes y Claretianos. Pedid tambien por la salvacion de todos y cada uno de mi familia particularmente por mis cunados Pedro Bilbao y Anastasio Cortazar.

Os escribire mas dentro de pocos dias. Os bendigo en el Nombre del Padre y del Hijo y del Espiritu Santo.

Permaneced siempre humildes y con toda gratitud a Dios por su particular bondad para con vosotros.

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August 16, 1962

Dear Father Aloysius:

It has been so hard to restrain writing to you, but do not want to add to your burden of mail which must be a great penance. However, we do want you to know how very much we appreciated your most welcome letter. It came at a most opportune time. Now that I have something wonderful to tell you, I just must write.

Our daughter, Mary Johanna, had a growth taken off the back of her leg about a month ago, just a small thing that looked like an infected insect bite, but it came right back and so the medical docter sent her to a surgeon to have a look at it. He immediately said it must be removed as he was worried about the looks of it and had her come on his day off to have it removed. He did it at the office as she begged off going to the hospital since she has the two small children at home and didn't want to be away from them that long. When the surgeon cut into it he was more worried than ever and found it to be quite large and black and involving the muscles so he took a good size portion out in case it was malignant. That was on a Thurdsay and we had to wait until Saturday afternoon to find out the results. Even though we were praying hard, we were still worried and what a relief to find that it was negative, seemed to be a badly infected blood clot. So she has had an uncomfortable time in this hot weather but we are so thankful to God we just don't know how to thank Him for his mercy to us. It could have been so awful. We prayed to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Blessed Mother, St. Anthony Claret, St. Agnes and St. Lawrence, plus a Novena to St. Anne. My, were we frightened. Ray even called you to ask your kind prayers, but you were not at home. They removed part of the stitches Monday and will take the deep ones out tomorrow. It seems to be healing nicely.

Father, I have a convert-friend whom I'm afraid is in danger of losing her faith. She has been involving herself with a person belonging to the Penticostal Holiness sect and this woman seems to have her bewitched. I have talked, pleaded, argued and tried to frighten her away from this person and though she seems to agree with me finally she goes right back. I am so worried about it as this person tells her that if she gets with them she will get all kinds of gifts; prophecy, healing, discernment, tongues, etc. I tell her it is all lies, lies, but she doesn't seem to want to break off for fear she will hurt this person's feelings. I just can't understand such an attitude. I know that prayers are powerful but she also has her free will and it just doesn't seem that I am getting to her so will you please say a Holy Mass in honer of dear Mother, Mary to help this soul. One of my friends told me not to bother with her or worry ofer her but I can't help it. Her immortal soul is a stake and though it makes me ill to worry like this I just can't get it out of my mind. I just don't know what else to do. She wrote Mother Stephhn about it in Oklahoma City at the Carmel there and Mother Stephen told her very sternly to stay away from this person, but she thinks she can help her so persists in this foolishness. Nothing I say seems to help and there seems to be high wall between us since she has been conversing with this person so all I know to do is pray.

Dear Father Aloysius, thanks so much for listening to my troubles and tho I dislike being a burden with my troubles I just had to tell you this. May God bless you most abundantly and especially for your prayers for us. How we need them!

Your devoted children,

Ray and Mary Emanuelson & Family

Yes, the clipping about Father Duffy was from the diocesan paper.



O MY JESUS ®
I TRUST IN THEE

J.M.J.C.

Aug. 17, 1962

Dear Father Aloysuis:

Enclosed is a check for $
I wish to have a mass said in thanksgiving
for finding the rosary you especially blessed
for me when I first met you. It has been lost over a year I guess and found in a lining of my purse. The mass should be said in honor of St. Anthony and whoever else I promised. $2.00 stipend. $2.00

Then
I wish a mass to be said
for God knows is best to be said for--it is $1.25 my father gave me for something my brother's have paid me for out of my father's monies, but I can't return this--so maybe my fathor owes poeple monmy that he thinks need not be paid, or owes in charity somethings God will know. $1.25

I had a mass said by Father
Beta for YOU, DEAR FATHER.---for your intention which you asked us to pray for. I hope God grants it. I did not tell Father Beta what it was, but that it was important to you.

Thank you for taking Sandra
Corrington. Both Thurs. and today--Fri. I saw her at Holy Communion.

$2.00

Now Father, I am worried about
Suzanne. She will be 19 in Dec. and intends to marry a yr. from this Dec. She is in Business School right now. But has been under the weather for a month. A yr. and a half ago they found her liver count 3 plus and decided she had had H epititis and she had a time for a year, but now she seemed well enough, and started this sick at the stomach business and her count is 4 plus which is the highest it can go. I amtrying to get a Dr. and her allergist says there is something smouldering. If it is God's will that she should be an invalid then I must accept. I just hope He is not sending Suzanne a cross because I am changing parishes and getting out from under a big spiritual responsibility in this one--by buying property like I told you of in another parish--Remember I asked if I would work well for God in another parish?

A mass for her protection and health...

ion in our move and getting located and all properly.

God love you Father and keep you from all harm and give you consolations.

Most sincerely and thankfully
for all the MANY MANY things you have done for me and mine and those whom I send to you--

Katherine Morrow

MRS. H. R. MORROW
1885 Westwood Place
Pomona, California

J.M.J.F.

St. Clare's Retreat and Convent

2381 LAUREL GLEN ROAD
SANTA CRUZ, CALIFORNIA

August 17,1962.

Father Alyosius,
Claretian Order,
1119 Westchester Place,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Father Alyosius:

We will have a Long Retreat for ladies in 1963, June 25th to 30th, staring with dinner at 6.30 p.m. June 25th and ending after breakfast June 30th at 8.45 am.

There are three conferences a day, 10.30 am, 4 p.m. and 7.00 p.m. with a conference the first night at 7.30 p.m.

We had FatherFelux Acquistapace, S.J. this last retreat with 65 ladies and all were very well pleased with the retreat and schedule.

I would like to invite you to come and give the retreat in 1963 if you give retreats at this time.

I would appreciate your letting me know as soon as possible so that I can make the p roper arrangements in the event you are not able to come.

Sincerely in the
Sacred Heart s,

Sister M. Carmela

Superior



Aug 17, 1962

Dear Father -

We are on the second half of our vacation. We always divide it in two so that it seems longer.

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I wanted to talk to you the last Sunday we were there but you were so busy we left and then we left on vacation.

It just about breaks my heart to be cut off from seeing you after so many months of going there so often. Even though Kathy is well now

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we love you all the same and miss visiting you at least once in a while.

It just amazes me that anyone outside my immediate family would influence my life so but you have, more than you know.

The reason I wanted to talk to you Sunday was to tell you that Kathy had X-rays (Inside)

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didn't even notice but it seems important to me that you know I didn't miss for no reason.

We will still be gone this Sunday - we are leaving here Sunday night & will be home Monday. You just don't know how much I miss that Novena and love it when you say the prayers to the Five Wounds.

Father Ambrosi gave a beautiful sermon on the Precious Blood the week you were gone - he's wonderful.

With Love
Kay & Jerry

P.S. Hope you have been well - we pray for you every day.

taken on the 31st of July and the doctor thought they were wonderful. The bone appeared about the same as the last time but he said the mending process is very slow. He thought she looked wonderful "just like she had never been sick". She has not only gained back all her weight but also about 3 pounds more.

She went over to Orange to visit the Sisters a few weeks ago and they were so impressed with her improvement that the Sister who has charge of registration (Sister Kathleen) gave her the forms to fill out and we are waiting for word

from her now and I hope and pray that it will be God's Will that she go there.

Kathy is a funny girl - She seems to fight discipline and direction but really wants to do the right thing.

She is truly excited about going to St. Joseph's so I hope she's not disappointed because when she is with the Sisters she is a different child - she loves being with them.

Also, I wanted to tell you that I'm sorry to have missed going to your Chapel for first Friday but couldn't help it as Bettye had her baby (a boy) and wasn't feeling well enough to go. I know you

Los Angeles 66,
Aug. 18-1962

Rev. Father Aloysius, cmf.
Rev. Father:—

Just a note to thank you for the many priveleges and blessings you gave to us last Wednesday evening.

I am so grateful to Our Holy Father for having extended to you, these favors and to you Father, for having given them to us, that we may become better Catholics, and each day grant we may become closer to God, in His Mercy and Love.

May God Bless you and keep you in good health—

Sincerely
Mrs. Grace L. McCreary

Aug. 19, 1962

Dear Fr. Aloysius,

Thank you ever so much for the beautiful rosary. It has been put to immediate use. I will pray the rosary for your intentions, Father.

Thank You

Please remember us in your prayers. I will remember what you told us about Our Blessed Mother.

May God bless you.

Sister M. Margaret Louise, S.H.M.

Dear Father Aloysius:

Thank you again dear Father for all of your grand Remembrances in my behalf at the time of my serious surgery for Cancer it is deeply appreciated indeed.

We are here at Santa Barbara for a little rest and recuperation until Sept. 1. I recovered remarkably. Ruth, Rita and Jim all join me in sending our kindest personal wishes to you Father Aloysius, and again our deepest thanks for all you have done for our whole family. God bless and keep you always.

Sincerely and Gratefully
Ed. Molaney

Aug. 20th 1962



HOTEL ROBERT TREAT

NEWARK 1, NEW JERSEY

A Knott Hotel

Dear Fr. Aloysius:

I have finally arrived in the States & am
enroute to Washington to see two people - Bishop
Lane has felt were important for my future work.
Sometime about the 1st of Sept. I should be in L.A.

It is imperative that this letter reach you as quickly
as possible due to the importance of its message. Mr. Shipstad
never did write to me & I now realize that if some people -
those who can afford to do something about the requests in
this letter - are to be reached - it will have to be done through
you.

My eagerness to return to work is only surpassed by my
mounting excitement caused by the absolute certainty that
we can win - in our life & death struggle against Communism.,
Prayers are answered & can move mountains! Miracles are happening
& God is truly with us. My eyes have seen much - my ears have heard
more & my heart & mind tell me that we shall win - if we accept
the moral obligations placed upon us in these distressing times.
Actually there is only one rule placed upon us - we must believe!
Believing means - we must have deep faith - pray harder than
ever - work as never before - and victory will be ours in the end.
Much will be required of us - the sacrifices will be many - the
road hard & dangerous - some of us, no doubt, will die along
the way - while others will suffer persecution in many forms -
Our Blessed Lord foretold all this 2000 years ago before He
walked the tortured, bloody road to Calvary. But - the children
& their children will reap the rich harvest spiritually & materially
as they rightly deserve since they are the innocents. For this
reason alone we shall thank God & count the cost as little or
nothing - when it is all over. In Christ there is always victory!

The rest of this letter is important & should be told
to Mrs. Shipstad & others of her ability & position as quickly
as possible. I cannot write to her again because she has
so definitely closed the door on any future



HOTEL ROBERT TREAT

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communication between us - which will always remain a
sad & unexplained mystery to me.

His Eminence Cardinal Cushing will celebrate his 67th birthday next Friday, Aug. 25th. I am asking everyone - everywhere to help him celebrate in a very special way. Cardinal Cushing needs every American Catholic's help & he needs their prayers & their Masses for his intention - but he needs donations - urgently & immediately - for the great work he is carrying on all over Latin America. His program there is of vital concern to all of us - so I am pleading with everyone who knows me or who is joined with me in this dreadful battle - to save Our Country - Our Americas - Our Church of the Western Hemisphere where more than half of the world's Catholics live - by sending as much money as they can spare to His Eminence - at once. No donation is too small or too big. The time for great sacrifices - on the part of all of us - is at hand - and if we do not take up our share of the Cardinal's burdens - we shall deserve to lose everything we possess - including our liberty - & even our very lives! God forgive us if we fail those who are in the front lines of battle these last crucial hours. This war we are fighting is between the forces of good & evil - between Love & Hate. The only really effective weapon we have left - and can use now - is that of true Christian Charity. Egotism & materialism have poisoned us to the point of eternal death - the long night of absolute oblivion - & the only antidote is LOVE! Love of Country - Love of God - Love of Family - Love of our Brothers in Christ.

The hour is indeed late - but - not so late that we cannot win if we truly want to win. All we need to do is to put our hearts & minds to the task - redouble our efforts which up to now have been half hearted & inconsistent - to unite & strengthen each other in faith & courage - and - God will do the rest! I return to my Beloved Country - with a firm conviction & an unshakeable determination that we shall win against the sons of Satan. So should we all believe -

(over)

us of these blest & beautiful Americas which have been dedicated to Mary, Mother of our Divine Lord & Redeemer. We are the only salvation of the world now — & we can save — not only ourselves but all the rest of the chaotic suffering & frightened peoples of all the nations on the face of the earth. After visiting the Shrines of Our Lady at Lourdes, Fatima & Montserrat — a great confidence began to fill my soul & I bring this confidence with me to spread everywhere. God is with us. He wants us to reform ourselves first & then go to work as we should — as soldiers of Christ wearing the armor of Christians as St. Paul describes in his letter to the Ephesians (Chap. 6)

Please ask everyone to write letters to our Bishops, our Cardinals & Pope John about the Ecumenical Council. Tell them to let them know they are praying for their success — for the unity amongst the Members of the Church — so needed in our present time & for guidance in our fight against Socialism-Communism.

The Pope is addressed — His Holiness Pope John XXIII
Vatican City, Italy.

Letters should be sent to Msgr. Achille Glorieux — also.
Pontifical Commission of the Lay Apostolate
Palazzo della Cancelleria Apostolica
Vatican City, Italy.

Pray for me too. Soon I'll be there — so much to tell you! Cardinal Cushing & Bishop Lane have approved of my plans for an Inter-American organization & am sure you will too. God love & bless you eternally.

Humbly in Christ,
Andrée M. Gonzalez

Phoning the leaders of your Guilds — who in turn could start contacting all the members could alert everyone quickly. Good luck!

August 20, 1962

MRS. CLARENCE E. HASS • 1844 YOSEMITE ROAD • BERKELEY 7, CALIFORNIA

Dear Father Aloysius:-

This is to thank you for your prayers on my behalf — when I was worried over tetanus possibilities. Marie Buckhole is a very dear friend of mine and she has spoken of you so warmly that I felt a desire to know you — through her. Marie may have told you that I am a convert (of many years now) and have no one really close to me who is a Catholic. My husband is a Medical Doctor. My greatest joy is my work, sculpture and

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mosaic. I have not been productive of late because of my health, physical and mental. My thoughts tend toward the morbid and I can't seem to change the pattern even though I desire to. I am to go into the hospital this week for some tests, and I imagine the worst, instead of the best. Please, Father, will you say a Mass for me? I want to be well, physically, well adjusted mentally

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without unsettling fears! I want to be strong spiritually. It is strange but I have no priest to whom I can talk. Those whom I know (Paulists) see me as a person well adjusted, with cultural interests plus talent — someone they depend upon to "do" the Christmas and Easter altars, etc.

I know how very busy you are, Father. Please pray for me. God bless you.

Cordially,

June Foster Hass
(Mrs. Clarence Hass)

Aug 23rd 1962.

Dear Father Aloysius –

I want first to thank you for your very kind note, It's a privilage to be able to address one so humble and good.
As long as you did not say to send to the Center, I am asking another favor. Young Douglas Reid's Birthday is the 29th of Aug. What in this world could compare with one mass, said by the one on Earth he owes his life to. So please good Father if you can say it on his Birthday. My Husband is not the snappy one he always was. He smoked to much again so lungs and Heart are not good. It is strange to see him tired and not busy at something. yet we know God's will be done. Again thank good Father. You are always remembered in my prayers.

Most Sincerely Mrs S. Mulligan

[redacted]

40-06 Gleane St
Elmhurst 73
Long Island
New York
Aug 26th 62

Rev Fr Alloysius
Ellacuria CMF
119 Westchester Pl
Los Angeles 19, California

Dear Rev Fr

I am enclosing a $5 offering, and I hope you will find time to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the mass that God may bless my husband & myself with at least one offspring. We have been married for five years & have sought medical assistance with no avail. Our, or at least my, fertility period of life will in a few more years be drawing to a close. I pray every day for this intention I would give anything even my life for

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a child of my own. We feel very sad about this, & there are times when we can't hide our feelings from each other

I have been told of your holiness, by Miss [illegible] Morrow who once visited you in California, & I hope that God will hear & answer your petition on my behalf, if it is His Holy Will

Humbly yours,

Mrs Margaret Mary Gormley.

Dear Father Aloysius -

Mother is once again entering the Huntington Memorial Hospital in Pasadena for a new treatment - She goes in on Wednesday and will be operated on Thursday

closed a little Mass offering for your special use -

Thank you, Father Aloysius, for your continuing prayers and kindness to the Kaiser family. You have been a source of great comfort and blessings to us.

Sincerely,
Joan Kaiser

Aug - 27.

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Sincerely,
Joan Kaiser

Aug - 27.

Morning to insert a tube in an artery in her head through which a chemical will be dripped.

If it is possible, she has asked me to request you to say a Mass for her Thursday morning, or for that matter any morning this week it is convenient and I have en-

23801 Hartland Street
Canoga Park, California
August 27, 1962

Dear Father Ellacuria,

Enclosed is a check for $6.00, of which I would like to have $5.00 used for both a special intention mass for my husband's cancer to continue to be arrested, and also a thanksgiving mass that his cancer is still arrested, of which we are so very thankful, and know that without the help of St. Anthony Mary Claret, it couldn't be done.

The remaining dollar, is for 6 of the Novena booklet to Saint Anthony Claret. I like to have some on hand, as I give them to people who have cancer.

Thank you so very much Father, for the previous masses you have said for my husband.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Terence P. Haney

August 27, 1962

Dear Father Aloysius

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the birthday Mass said to-day for my daughter, Maryarie Fairbanks.

We are both so full of gratitude for the many blessings you have helped to bring us closer to.

We will always remember you in our prayers and pray each day for your strength to carry on your God given work –

Most humbly

Maryarie Maclaine Freeman

Aug. 28, 1962

Most Reverend Father Aloysius,

I beg of you to read this letter since I write with great urgency. I know you have probably had so many letters of this kind but still I ask of you a few minutes.

Father, I will try to make this short & to the point. My husband is 24 years old. Two years ago he was stricken with Hodgkin's disease. It's cancer of the blood forming tissues - similar to leukemia. Father at the time we had not been

to Church for many years. We were shocked, scared & God alone knows what we, as so many others also, go through. Finally when I could not take it anymore, I swallowed my pride and asked my Good Lord to forgive us for deserting Him. I prayed my heart out. My husband grew worse & worse. We have a 3 1/2 year old little girl, I taught her also to pray. All over the world people prayed since I had relatives in Europe & South America. Just as it seemed hopeless, the door was opened & a new drug saved his life. Father my husband gets

this drug all the time. Now the doctors must stop the drug for awhile as the blood count is too low. But they will try this "Nitrogen Mustard" on him in about 1 month. Father this mustard was given to him before & it didn't do anything for him. My husband is in the hands of God. I have asked God to cure him & if thats not possible to please give us the grace to accept the cross. Father I pray every chance I get, I try to be as good a Catholic as is possible under

these heart-breaking conditions.
God has lifted us in many
way, too numerous to mention.
Ever since my husband has gotten
~~since~~ sick, many wonderful things
happen. Father we have never
been so much in love. I have
even gone to the point in thanking
God for sending this dread
illness because through it I have
learned the power of God, I have
learned to love God & all the
blessed Saints. Father I know

God will, in some way cure him.
Father I tell you I feel it in

my heart - even when it looks
like things will not be so -
suddenly I get the feeling that
God will not desert me. My
husband is a wonderful person,
kind, good + God fearing Father.
We've never done any thing very
sinful except the time for falling
away from God but with all our
hearts we are sorry.

Father, please pray for my
husband. Maybe if it's God's
will He will hear you. I have
been recommended to you very
highly + I have heard you have

helped so many people. Father I would like to have my husband see you but he never shows his emotions, I don't know how to ask him to see you. Maybe you can write to him. Please father, please don't disregard this letter. Father answer me as soon as you can as we are so young & it's hard when we are young to picture things that aren't pleasant. You must help us. I pray for everyone father, believe me I will also pray for you & for all the people who ask for your help.

My name our address is as follows: Mr. + Mrs. Francis Attardo
11207-Surrey Ave.
Ontario, Calif.

I pray God will speed this letter to you + that you will help us. God Bless you.

Respectfully yours,
Mrs. Attardo

Encino, Calif.
Aug. 29, 1962.

Rev. Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.
Provincial House & Novitiate
119 Westchester Place.
Los Angeles 19, Calif.

Rev. Father:

Enclosed a check for $18.00 as a donation for a novena of masses for the repose of the soul of Mr. Jacob Ruhland.

He was 71 years of age and is survived by his wife, a son, and daughter - both married.

He had been ailing for quite sometime and passed away in his sleep.

Mr. Ruland was a daily communicant, with his wife.

Every day he spent 3 hours in prayer.

A few of his friends including myself wish to remember him in the novena of masses

Humbly yours.
Helen G. Seidel

Send card to
Mrs. Jacob Ruhland & Family,
15131 Valleyheart Dr.,
Sherman Oaks, Calif.

Notre Dame Convent
2851 Overland Avenue
Los Angeles 64, Calif.
September 3, 1962

Dear Father Aloysius,

Please excuse my negligence for not writing to you and the other priests and brothers sooner to thank you sincerely for all your prayers for both Sister Mary Alice Timothy and myself for Final Vows.

We both realize what a great grace this is and hope that you will continue to remember us in your prayers to help us petition God for the grace of perseverance.

I thank you again in behalf of my superiors for

I wish to thank you personally, Father, for your kindness to my Mother.

I also wish to give you greetings from Sister Mary William, who is taking Mother's place while she is away, and my local superior, Sister Mary Francille.

We will continue to keep you and your Congregation in our prayers that your work for souls will be successful.

Lovingly in Our Lady,
Sister Mary Thadine, S.N.D.

Notre Dame Convent
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I thank you again in behalf of my superiors for

the celebration of your Mass for a safe journey for Mother Mary Anselm, our provincial, and Sister Mary Paulitta, Mother's assistant and companion on her trip to Rome. Our five higher superiors from the United States and their companions are on the high seas now on their way to Italy. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

May we also ask for your prayers for the successful outcome of our forthcoming chapter, September 12, when the Congregation will again have a Mother.

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I also wish to give you greetings from Sister Mary William, who is taking Mother's place while she is away, and my local superior, Sister Mary Francelle.

We will continue to keep you and your Congregation in our prayers that your work for souls will be successful.

Lovingly in Our Lady,
Sister Mary Thadine, S.N.D.

Sept 4, 1962.

Dear Father Aloysius,

There are so many things we'd like to write you, but your time is precious, so we will be brief.

Please forgive me for asking for a favor right off, Father, but please find it in your heart to spare a few moments of your time, to say some prayers for Esther Rashan, a mother of 6 children, who is dying of terminal cancer.

Back Last.

Her family have not been attending church, with the exception of a few. We have written them about you, father and hope and pray through your prayers they will be drawn closer to "God" and "He" will help Esther, spiritually and bodily to find comfort.

"God" bless you father and your work.

Sincerely

Mrs Ray Jackson Jr.

P.S. No need for you to answer this letter father. We know how busy you are & how precious your time is.

Our Lady of Mercy School

SOUTHFIELD & CURTIS DETROIT 35, MICHIGAN

September 4, 1962

Reverend and dear Father Aloysius:

Thank you so much, Father, for your last with all the comfort your words can give. I passed on your kind message to my Boston friend, who will be most grateful.

Today I received word that Mr. Foley had trouble this week. Let me quote:

> The enclosed ten dollars is from Frank Foley. Last week he asked me to send it to youfor Masses in thanksgiving for his improvement. He has been back to work, eating well, feeling fine, and has gained seventeen pounds.
> Last Saturday he had evidence of bleeding. When he called the doctor, he had him meet him at the emergency room of Mercy Hospital. He examined and had him admitted to the hospital and ordered two blood transfusions immediately. On Tuesday he will undergo tests. His recovery has been so rapid and he had been feeling so well, no pain or discomfort, that the relapseseems unusual. Please ask Father Aloysius for his help again.

There are several other requests which I shall include under special ones. Two urgent ones are one financial distress and one concern over two dividends which were misplaced and never found. It is mourned by a Ford executive, who is very kind to our Order, and amounted to nearly $50,000. Please pray its return.

We begin school this week, so I rely on your charity in prayer to see that I am do much for the Divine Teacher.

In Mary's and Little Flower's love,

Sister Mary Esther, R.S.M.

Sister Mary Esther, RSM

Enclosure from Mr. Foley - many thanks for the leaflets you sent me.

Sept. 8, 1962

Dear Father:

Enclosed herewith a check in the amount of $4.00 in place of the check of $17.50 which I had erroneously sent.

Thanking you, + my apology for having caused you any inconvenience.

Sincerely yours.

Irene A. Souza

September 8, 1962

At 5:45 PM on September the 8th, 1962 my loving wife died while prayers for the dying were being said by myself with her sister, mother-in-law, and dear friends Marielle, and Margo in the same room. After her death prayers for the dead were said until a telephone call was put in to Father Aloysius. Francis Levy was called and after his arrival he lead a rosary in Rolande's room. After the Rosary I picked up my son Kurt and told him that his mother had died and gone to heaven with baby Jesus. I took him to the door of the room and told him to say goodbye to his mother. He looked at his dead mother and said is mother really in heaven. I answered yes and without realizing noticed that Rolande had a faint smile and I recalled to myself that she looked as happy as I could remember her for at least six weeks.

We talked to Kurt with Francis, myself, and mother in the living room and then I took Kurt back down to the neighbors to stay until the mortuary arrived. During this time her sister Alice was reading prayers for the dead at her side and recalled that each time she would look up Rolandes mouth closed a little more and her smile became broader and happier. She called my mother and told her with Margot and Mariette. At this time they called Francis and myself to see her smile which was by this time almost filled with a joy which I can only remember in her happiest days. At this time I thought to myself guiltily that perhaps her soul did not leave until she said goodbye to her Son. Some thirty minutes or so later as the mortuary was ready to remove her body I kissed her gently on the forehead and the smile had grown into a grin of ecstasy and I recalled to myself that I must pray that when death comes to me that God would be as kind in letting me die in my own room, in my own home,

with my dearest praying at my side and having been annointed and prayed over by priests and God's chosen disciples. As the mortuary removed her body to the car outside it wouldn't start at all & Francis drove the mortician to obtain help. I returned inside and commented to her sister Alice, Margo, and Marielle, that she indeed must have been so happy at her death that she was still reluctant to leave. Marielle, Margo, and her sister Alice commented almost simultaneously my own thoughts. I only pray that my own death can come so beautifully.

Robert E. Mihalco

SAINT JOSEPH HOSPITAL
501 SOUTH BUENA VISTA STREET
BURBANK, CALIFORNIA

September 10, 1962

The Reverend Father Aloysius
1119 Westchester Place
Los Angeles 19, California

Dear Father Aloysius:

The enclosed check was given to me and I am sending it on to you to have Masses said at this time. I am getting along fine though still confined; however, I expect to be back to work part-time in the next few days. I am praying awfully hard to Blessed Anthony Claret and trusting him all the way.

Thank you, Father, for everything.

Sincerely in Christ,

Sister Agnes S. H., F.C.S.P.
Sister Agnes of the Sacred Heart, F.C.S.P.

Sept. 11, 1962

WILLIAM A. HART, JR.
6338 N. SHERIDAN ROAD, APT. 3-E
CHICAGO 40, ILLINOIS

Dear Father,

Enclosed is a check for you to please say a Mass for a very special intention.

We all know your Masses, that Mrs. Murphy had said for Bill, were answered by Almighty God. Our tragedies seem to come in such quantities, that I am asking your help now.

thank you very much, and

I'll always remember you
in my daily prayers.

Gratefully

Nancy Hart



September 11, 1962

Reverend Father,

The enclosed is for a Novena of Masses for the Poor Souls in Purgatory.

I hope that you were, or will be able to see Mrs. Cecilia Rodriguez at the Temple Hospital (Room 407). She wanted to go to confession and receive Extreme Unction. She has been away from the Sacraments for many years and needs help. This was the lady you blessed about four years ago in the Sanitarium. She broke her hip, is 78 years of age and is my sister's mother-in-law. Her entire family, with the exception of the son married to my sister, do not practice their religion and this

would be a good way of bringing all of them back into the church.

I was in Sacramento this summer and visited Sister Mary Ann and Sister Inez of the Carmelite Order. Both asked me to greet you. Sister Mary Ann asked me to give you a message, but I would rather give it to you verbally.

I thank you for all your prayers and especially for interceding for my brother Raymond. He is doing marvellously well. He has given up drinking and smoking and has lost all his excess weight. He has attended night school and finished up his High School and is now taking courses in college. All he needs now is to get back to the Sacraments, get a good job and the right girl. This is one of the reasons why I am having this Novena to the Poor Souls said.

Thank you again for all your kindnesses,

Sister Thora Marie, OP

MARIA BAZZANO
2011 HOLLY HILL TERRACE
HOLLYWOOD 28, CALIFORNIA

September 13, 1962

Dear Rev. Father Aloysius,

I received a wonderful note in answer to my request for prayer a few weeks back and it made me very happy and encourages me now to ask again for your help. I was home last week-end and saw my family. They are in pretty good condition but mother somehow is not what she used to be. I wish you would make a special prayer for her, my father and my brother John, He is a wonderful husband and father of five children and he needs to be in good health to help them grow to maturity. To this may I add my friends Argy and Miro. Miro is coming along pretty good with his sickness but now they need a little financial help and only the Dear Lord and His Blessed Mother can do it. I am sure with yourhelp we will given the encouragement we need. I know you must be busy with so many other requests, but please add me to them. I am enclosing a small offering for a candle to the Blessed Sacrament. Thank you very much for your kindness. I hope I will be able to come and attend your services very soon, as soon as Miro will be able to drive again, or may be sooner.

My very best wishes,

Respectfully yours,

Maria Bazzano

958 Valencia Street
Los Angeles 15, Cal
12 September 1962

Rev. Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.
1111 Westchester Place
Los Angeles 19, California

Dear Father Aloysius:

I wanted to write immediately after last Friday, but I had taken so much time in going through the process of resigning from my job with the May Company, and also to attend to the registration at the Loyola University School of Law, made it entirely impossible. Today I came home earlier, after my resignation has been approved, and now I have a chance to write before I start with my classes tomorrow.

First, I want to express my heartfel gratitude and sincere appreciation for your prayers, that made it possible for me to enter the Loyola Law School. As you know, it is almost impossible for anyone who has no high school or college education to enter a law or medical school, but everything was possible through the power of God. When I asked you to please pray for me to be accepted in school, you granted my request. Thank you, Father. I have nothing to offer to reciprocate; on the other hand, you want no earthly offerings or praises. Therefore, all I can say is, may God be praised; and may you live long to serve Him on earth by helping the poor, the needy and the sick.

Also, Father, I wish to thank you for making it possible for me to speak to a group of Catholic mothers and sisters. It was really an honor and a privilege. Had not it been for you I would not have had the opportunity of meeting with such wonderful people, who are joined together in hearts and spirits on account of their love of God.

Now that tomorrow is my first day in school, I pray, in the Name of Jesus Christ and His Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, that you kindly ask God to help me in my studies so that I may be able to grasp the teachings of the professors as well as to fare along well with the other students. You know as well as I do, that it is going to be very tough with/for me, inasmuch as I have had no high school or college education; however, with my perseverance and utmost desire to learn, all enhanced by the help of God, I am sure I can succeed. And, of course, your prayers I greatly need. Also, Father, I pray that you kindly pray and ask God to show me a way to get some scholarships in order for me to finish my school of law. Through the love of God the Loyola School has offered to pay for my first year. My faith in God gives me strength to go through this ordeal and leave the rest to Him.

If there are some people who would like to hear me talk about my country I would be happy to be with them any Saturday or Sunday. Perhaps they'd like to listen to some Polynesian music accompanied with a ukulele.

Very reverently yours
Chief Napoleon Fofogaoali'i
Chief Napoleon Fofogaoali'i

St. Thomas' Church
1321 SOUTH MARIPOSA AVENUE
LOS ANGELES 6, CALIFORNIA
REpublic 5-7524

September 14, 1962

Rev. Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.
1119 Westchester Pl
Los Angeles 19, California

Reverendo Padre:

Nuestro parroco, Msgr. O'Dwyer, nos ha dèrigido que le extendamos a Ud una invitacion para predicar en nuestra fiesta a la Virgen de Guadalupe, este 12 de Diciembre.

Comprendemos muy bien sus ocupaciones y sustiempo limitado, pero esperamos que pueda aceptar. Nuestra parroquia esta muy cercas a su residencia, y la Santa Misa sera a las 7 de la noche.

Esperamos que desarollando gran devocion a Nuestra Madre, el pueblo Latino que vive por estas partes recobre entusiasmo por su Santa Fe. Si me permite Padre, le hablare por telefono para conocer su respuesta a esta peticion.

Sinceramente en Cristo,

Manuel D. Moreno

Rev. Manuel D. Moreno

September 21, 1962

Dear Father Alloysius,

Please accept the enclosed check in the amount of ten dollars as an offering.

We would deeply appreciate your offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for the special intentions of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Thanksgiving.

We received your Blessing on Sunday, September 9, 1962.

Since we consecrated our family to Jesus through the Immaculate Heart of Mary after devotions in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Mass and Communion on Her Feast of the Assumption, so many supernatural things have ocurred and so many Graces showered upon us, our hearts are overflowing with gratitude.

If it would be possible to receive a private audience with you, we would be eternally grateful.

God willing, and through the

intercession of St. Ann, we hope to sell our home and return to St. Louis possibly by Thanksgiving.

I had been in the hospital Tuesday thru Friday before receiving your Blessing on Sunday. Monday I was re-admitted due to a growth which was on the left kidney Xray taken that Friday. They operated on Tuesday without cutting — and found nothing. I was released on Wednesday (The Holy Name of Mary) which was the last day of my Rosary Novena in request and also the last day of my Novena in honor of the Miraculous Medal.

I was given your name while making my first novena in honor of St. Jude.

The day I had the attack was the Feast of St. Pius X. While at Mass and Communion I discovered he was born on our Wedding Anniversary. He had received the Papal Blessing

on our Wedding Day. I was put in Room X and when re-admitted on the 10th.

Divine Providence works in such beautiful mysterious ways that it would take a book to relate everything on paper.

The strangest thing was that at the time I received your Blessing I was under the impression all was well. I didn't feel well and felt that what the medication couldn't do - that God through your Blessing could do.

My Doctor told me they had expected to find cancer. They were quite amazed to find nothing. He had called in a Kidney Specialist for the operation.

My novenas were offered for other intentions and I just threw my health in toward the end.

Father, I'm sure you are pressed for time so I will

try to bring this to a close.

If it should be possible to speak to you personally, please let us know.

In honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Jean Ann Mary Ambrow

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Louis Ambrow
10460 Lorinda Avenue
Buena Park, California

TAylor 8-4303

P.S. We had especially wanted our little 5 yr. old girl, Karen Lynn to receive your blessing as she is retarded. However, she too, has received very great Graces. She has been admitted to school to begin on Monday which we had not dreamed possible that she could be accepted. Thank you very much.

Bill E. Kurtz
309 Gary St.,
Mangum, Okla.
September 15, 1962

Dearest Father,

I haved heard much about you and would like you to remember me and my loved ones in your prayers.

I once studied to be a Claretian.

I have enclosed an enrollment leaflet — I have enrolled you.

Again, I would ask you to pray for us. Please pray for my special intentions

We pray for you.

Sincerely yours in Mary,
Bill E. Kurtz

777 N. Park Ave. Apt 4
Pomona, Cal. 9/13/62

Dear Fr. Aloysius Ellacuria,

Sometime back Mrs Morrow from Pomona spoke to you regarding my grandchild William Mason who is 13 yrs old and needs help; he is emotionally upset regarding, due to home atmosphere, he feels rejected by his father and sisters and ~~brother~~; it dates back to when ~~his father~~ he was a baby and his father had no time for him. and now he does not understand him and has no patience with him. He is now attending school, boarding

school in Bellflower, Don Boscoe which some priests operate. He is a bright child be being so emotionally upset, its hard for him to follow the other. I am enclosing a check for $25.00 for masses and prayers for him. I know how beneficial your prayers are dear Father I will pray along with you and know that Wm will straighten out. I will see you next 1st Friday at your chapel.

Sincerely
Amanda Tessier

Sept. 23,1962

Dear Father Aloysius:

For the past week I have been meaning to write to you to thank you for coming to our home to visit with mother. We appreciate your kindness to take time out from your busy schedule.

Since the last time you saw mother we have had her admitted to the Hollywood Presbyterian Hospital. She is there at present under going treatments to arrest the spread of cancer. With the help of God things will work out for the best.

During the week my Aunt Katherine and Uncle Clarence Bedell came from Kansas City to be with us. On Thursday of this week my uncle's sister will fly from San Francisco to Los Angeles to be with us until Friday morning when she will return to San Francisco to attend classes at the university.

If possible could we receive your blessing sometime Thursday or Friday of this week. Both my aunt and her sister-in-law have asked me to write to you.

Could you please call me at HO 3 8917 or HO 4 3343 if you will be free to see us.

May God always bless you and keep you in good health.

Sincerely yours,

September 25, 1962

Reverend Fathers -

Please accept my very deep appreciation for your goodness in offering a series of Gregorian masses for the repose of the soul of my sister Roselle Anna Martin

I enclose my check for the stipend in my grateful thanks -

Please remember Roselle, always - Hers is one of the sad cases - but God is good - and I pray that His mercies will be shown to her -

Gratefully

Lucie LaFrance

2/comment - I would appreciate knowing when the masses will be said

Sept 25, 1962

Father Aloysius:

I am enclosing an offering to have a Mass said for Peter Pagano, a little boy in my daughter Cathy's class at St. Philips Neri school.

He was struck by a car on Friday and is on the critical list at the hospital. The child under went surgery for removal of a kidney and spleen yesterday. This family lost a little boy a year ago in a drowning accident, so please ask St. Anthony's intercession in their behalf.

If at all possible Father say the Mass this Thursday or Friday.

For all your many prayers and Masses for my own family I pray God's blessing on you and your work.

Sincerely
Mrs Catherine Reid
3700 Palm ave
Lynwood, Calif.

ST. JAMES COMMUNITY HOSPITAL
400 SOUTH CLARK STREET
BUTTE, MONTANA

September 25, 1962

Rev. Father Aloysius Ellacuria
Claretian Fathers P.H.
1119 West Chester Place
Los Angeles, 19,
California

Dear Father Aloysius,

Remember me!.My name is Sister Rose Veronica and I was on the sixth floor of St. Johns Hospital in Santa Monica when you were a patient with a suspected brain tumor. You had a miraculous cure from Our Lady at that time and both the doctors and the nurses were all very impressed. At that time you revealed to me some of the graces Our Lord had bestowed upon you and I have never forgotten that one visit. You presented me with a crucifix which you had blessed for me and I cherish it very much. I was transferred from there to Los Vages, New Mexico in February of '62 but on the fifteenth of August of this same year I was transferred to the above hospital. Now to get to my purpose of this letter.

Just about one year ago I had a patient out there in St. Johns who was operated on and they found a very malignant cancer. There were altogether a group of eight doctors on the case and they feared that they had not struck the source of the tumor. However, the man, Mr.Percy House is getting along splendidly with no apparent recurrence. But each few months they bring him in for complete examination and literally fine-comb him. He is due for one in about two weeks again. His wife who is really a good person is an old alcoholic and gets wrought up over these periodical examinations. When he was still quite ill and she in a very upset frame of mind I gave them each a green scapular of Our Lady that you had blessed. I felt at the time that he did not have too much faith in it-probably looked upon it with superstition, but he took it but since has lost it. She still has hers and wears it all of the time. Now I should like to get two more blessed and I have enclosed them in an addressed envelope so that you can mail them right on to them after you bless them. Keep the other two for yourself.

Sister Ann Raymond's brother had to undego some serious surgery while I was still in New Mexico and I let him have the crucifix for the entire time of his hospitalization. He had a stormy time but recovered fully.

I sincerely hope that you are enjoying good health and are able to continue your good work for the many you help. With every good wish and thank you for taking care of the scapulars for me.

Sincerely in Him,

Sister Rose Veronica

South Laguna, Calif.
September 26, 1962

Reverend Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C. M. F.

Los Angeles, Californis

Dear Father,

Thank you, Father, for your prayers. Your blessings telephoned me, previous to my operation brought me confidence and courage. On August 16th, I returned home from the hospital encouraged with the good news that the surgery had eliminated the cancer; post-operative tests were negative. Father Felix Sheridan, o. p. and I believe that your prayers and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass did very much towards winning this great grace. I would now ask you, Father, to pray that the added time given me may be spent in getting closer to God, and help others to know Him.

Once more, dear Father, thank you. Always

Gratefully and sincerely,

Judy Probst

September 28, 1962

Dear Father Aloysious,

First of all, my name is Miss Mary Theresa Etzel. My first cousin is Mrs James Guibor (Mary Margaret) and I was visiting she and her family just this past August for about ten days. I had the extreme pleasure of going with her to the Guild Meeting at Mrs. Shipstad's home. This is where I met you Father and it was truly a wonderful occasion and I enjoyed the meeting and in particular your inspirational messages. Mary Margaret was so grand in taking me there, and I absolutely will not forget this wonderful experience of feeling so close to God.

Mary Margaret informed me of your address, and I request from you prayers for my oldest sister who

was married outside of the Catholic Church. She is 30 years old, and the family about died (Mom and Dad) when she told them how they were married. Our family has always been so strong in the Catholic religion. I don't think that there are any dearer or more devout parents than the ones my sisters and I have.

Mil and Jim have been given appointment dates for the Marriage Bureau and they have broken them. But now, the second week in Oct. they are scheduled to go to the Bureau in Columbus, Ohio. They are both willing and I believe all our relatives and family's prayers to God, have brought this meeting. But I request prayers from you Father as you can see how much this would relieve the heavy cross upon my sister Mil and the whole family.

I know that you have tremendous numbers asking for your help, but I wish you could just squeez an extra

little prayer for her returnment
to God and His Church, and Sacraments.

Father you do not have to write
me, for I understand perfectly that
your time is so limited.

Therefore, I appreciate your obliging
and thank you so very much.

My cousin, Mary Margaret, is so
fortunate in belonging to such a
wonderful Guild.

I will never forget my meeting
you.

Very truly yours,
Mary Theresa

Sept 28, 1962

Dear Father Aloysius,

My parents, Mr. + Mrs. L. S. Woeber, are celebrating their 40th Wedding Anniversary on October 11th.

Would you be able to offer Mass for them on or near that date? Actually, it doesn't matter if you are not able to say the Mass Oct. 11th. Any convenient day will be fine.

Thank you very much, Father, for your prayers.

Sincerely

June F. Woeber
P.O. Box 5386
Oildale, Calif.

P.S. Enclosed is Mass offering.

el 29 de Septiembre 1962

Reverenda Madre Priora en Cristo Rey,

Felicito a Vuestra Caridad y a toda su venerable comunidad por el Cuarto Centenario de la Reforma Carmelitana. Agradezco a Vuestra Caridad con todo mi corazon por todas sus atenciones por mi. Ahora ademas de mis oraciones quiero hacer una contribucion para su Cuarto Centenario.

Vuestra Caridad me dijo que podian admitir todavia dos monjitas mas en su monasterio. Aqui hay una que es religiosa profesa of the Daughters of Mary and Joseph, se llama Sister Barbara Teresa. En el siglo se llamaba Barbara Wright. Es muy buena y de muchos talentos, muy apreciada en su comunidad. Su Madre Provinciala me dijo que la examinara sobre su vocacion contemplativa y Carmelitana. La Madre Provinciala y todas ellas la quieren muchisimo, pero tambien saben la atraccion irresistible de Sister Barbara Teresa para la perfecta contemplacion y estan resignadas para hacer este gran sacrificio en dejar a Sister Barbara Teresa que siga los planes de Dios.

Sister Barbara Teresa es convertida del Mormonismo. Ensena en la escuela Parroquial de St. Paul en Westwood mientras su madre ensena en el gran templo Mormon de Westwood distante nada mas una cuadra de esta escuela. Sister Barbara Teresa me ha dicho que estuvo ensenando cinco anos en la ciudad de San Francisco y buscaba su gran solaz y consuelo en la capilla de su monasterio de Cristo Rey. Alli se sentia contenta.

Ella me ha repitido varias veces que le gusta mucho lo Espanol y Mejicano. Le explique que todo en su monasterio de Vds. es en Espanol. Ella me dice que no le importaba nada, que ella tendra paciencia para aprender el Espanol, que ella aguantara todo si Vds. tienen paciencia con ella. Esta ahora aprendiendo el Espanol.

Ella es humildisima, aunque, como he dicho antes, esta dotada de muchos talentos. Ella es organista y directora de coro. Me dijo que le gustaba mucho el coro polifonico de su Cristo Rey de Vds. San Juan de la Cruz y Santa Teresa de Jesus y todo lo Carmelitano son su vida e ideal. Ella visito su nuevo convento y todas las dependencias cuando todavia no estaba claustrado. Me parece que ella es el regalo de San Juan de la Cruz y

Santa Teresa de Jesus para su convento de Cristo Rey en San Francisco en el Cuarto Centenario de la Reforma Carmelitana.

La direccion de Sister Barbara Teresa es, 1536 Selby Avenue, Los Angeles 24, California. Estoy seguro de que va a ser esta hermana una gran bendicion para su hermoso y santo monasterio de Cristo Rey donde se vive la plenitud de la vida Carmelitana.

Despues de hacer todas las investigaciones, si todo resulta favorable ella podia entrar al fin de Enero del ano que viene al terminar el primer semestre.

Apreciaria si Vuestra Caridad me da una esperanza sobre la posibilidad de que admitan Sister Barbara Teresa en su monasterio en caso que encuentren todo satisfactorio.

Diga a toda la comunidad que ruego mucho por todas Vds. Caridades. Todavia no he podido ir a la casa de Sor Maria Luisa, pero ya lo voy hacer pronto. Pronto les enviare los Rosarios indulgenciados.

De Vuestra Caridad humilde capellan en Cristo Rey,

Dear Father Aloysius, Sept 30-60

I want to thank you most sincerely for the three books you sent to me through Francis - I am reading The Easy Way to become a Saint - & the Secret of Confession & find them most enjoyable & enlightening. How can I get more of How to Become a Saint? Who is the author E. D. M.? I am most anxious to get onto How to Be Happy - How To Be Holy. It looks to be one which will teach me how to pray.

Francis returned the slides from your boys -

over please

and gave me some of the
gems of your talk today (Sun.)
I am so glad he told me so
I can try hard to get in the
3 rosaries daily. I am most
anxious for First Fri. + hear
you tell us yourself.
Please keep us in your
prayers - especially in the move
we are making to Claremont.
The house is old + needs

Mrs. Herbert R. Morrow

much repair. I hope I haven't made a mistake to take it sharing with two tenants adjoining us on each side. The patio is quite a puzzle what to do & how - and I must not be extravagant. Then too I am bowing out of Apostleship of Prayer in Pomona where I have been their leader since 1954 - May God work through me in Claremont - but maybe not quite as much I doubt if I could keep ~~this~~ the pace of the last few yrs; but God knows - Please remember me to Him. And may I ask you to

remember Michael Todd -
(eye operation) He was just
about to phone you Sat.
When I called him. I hope
he got in touch - It is so
difficult for them.

Thank you again dear
Father. God was so good
to me to let me know &
work with you.

Sincerely -

Katherine Morrow

Mrs. Herbert R. Morrow

Lynwood, California
Oct 1 - 1962

Reverend Dear Fathers

May I ask that this Mass be said by Father Aloysius. Mr. Zaffarese loves Fathers he has made many visits on Sundays to him. His operation is to be for a triple hernia a critical one. Perhaps Father Aloysius and yourselves will say a few extra prayers for him.

He is to be operated on either to-morrow or Wednesday.

Truly yours

M Frances Chicoine

Sisters of Saint Joseph

Orange, California

October 17, 1962

Rev. Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.
Provincial House
1119 Westchester Place
Los Angeles 19, California

Dear Father Aloysius:

Through several of the ladies who are members of the Claretian Guild we learned of the very crowded conditions last Saturday at St. Joseph Hospital Chapel. Mrs. Steffey was quite distressed over the fact and wrote to Mother Louis to ask what could be done to solve the problem. She thought that perhaps the Motherhouse Chapel here could be used rather than that of St. Joseph's.

Some time ago, Father, we asked such a permission for a group and were given the answer that our Motherhouse and Novitiate Chapel are semi-public and that we could scarcely do this. It may be due to the fact that our Novitiate is included in the plant.

Now we are willing to help if this would be allowed, Father. The Guild has surely outgrown its original size, and St. Joseph's has become too small. For practical reasons also the Administrator is worried; the parking problem has been referred to the city officials who are not too happy over the situation in regard to parking.

I wonder if one of the parish churches would be preferable in any case. But I do know that we would have to clear this with the Chancery if we give the chapel for the Guild gathering. We know of your great work and do pray that there will be a most satisfactory solution for the meeting.

With prayerful wishes for God's blessings upon you, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Mother Mary Felix

St. Anthony Hospital
601 N.W. 9th Street
Oklahoma City 2, Oklahoma

October 30, 1962

Rev. Father Aloysius,
1119 Westchester Place,
Los Angeles 19, California

Dear Rev. Father Aloysius:

I wish to thank you for saying the mass for me, also for the nice holy cards.

I am always so thankful to know you are praying for me. May God reward you.

My trip to California will never be forgotten as well as your kindness to us. I think of it so often.

I am feeling real good, have no more trouble with my chest. Do hope you are feeling well, as you are doing so much good for every one.

Please remember me in your prayers that when God calls me I will be ready to go.

Take care of yourself and may God bless you.

In the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary.

Sincerely

Sister M. Beatrice

Sister M. Beatrice

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12 Via Ancia
(Trastevere) Rome, Italy,
November 22, 1962.

Dear Reverend Father, your beautiful letter was joyously welcomed and I am hoping with some anxiety that your wishes may be fulfilled in every detail. I went with the Jesuit Bishop of Jamaica who is staying with us, and with Miss MacMurrough who knows Msgr. Dionesi well to reassure myself finally that all was well with the three reliquaries and all the relics. Msgr. is a dynamic person, and I believe a saintly one. He gave me assurance about Christmas and that he had the right reliquaries. He waved all my fears aside and wanted me to leave everything to him; so I could not continue questioning. He is very masterful and most kind and generous.

I am wondering now about the larger reliquary, the one for St. Anthony Mary Claret. I hope you will like it! The Bishop here and some priests who saw it thought it lovely. The stones in it are real crystal. That will be my gift to you. Does that too have to be there by Christmas? I got it at Calabresi's which is one of the outstanding religious goods shops and I had looked also in other places. They are, I am told,

slow in sending things, and the only way I could feel certain is to bring it myself and send it from New York.

My original plan was to be at Chicago to spend Christmas with my aunt & cousins and sometime after the holidays to go back to California, then perhaps to return to Rome when the Council continues in May or perhaps in June. It has been thrilling to be here at this time. Once in a while I wonder whether I should stay on in Europe until into next year as I am somewhat uneasy about flying too late in the season. Unfortunately the houses here are not too well heated, but sometimes it is not much better in California.

As to my prospective writing I have, for an indefinite time given up the plan of Teilhard de Chardin. Everything as to the immediate future seemed so indefinite.

III However a few days ago two letters made a definite impression, at least up to a certain point. One was from the lady with whom I lived happily in Burlingame and to whom I intended to return. Her sister is coming to live with her, so that of course leaves no room for me. The other letter was from Father Kahle a friend of mine who is at Westminster Cathedral in London. His father is one of the most distinguished authorities on the language of Our Lord and of the Bible and had much to do with the famous Dead Sea Scrolls. I have wanted to meet him, with the idea of a possible article. In his letter Father invites me to spend a few days in his father's home in Oxford with a view to a later biography. His father is getting very old & can no longer work, but he can talk and remember, though at times he is a bit confused. Apparently now is the time to get the necessary information and I feel interested.

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Rev. Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.
1119 Westchester Place,
Los Angeles 19.
Claretian Monastery. California
U.S.A.

IV. In addition I have suddenly resolved to write a modern life of St. Cecilia. Our house fronts the rear of her basilica of which Magr. Dionisi is pastor and one of my MacMurrough Priests on the way to Mass this morning told me such interesting things about her that I felt a desire to write her story. She also has a book by Dom Guéranger which is filled with information about the Saint and also about the Rome of her time.
That, in short, is my situation at the moment. As to my departure, I do not know as yet. I must also spend a day or two in Paris on the way. I wish I knew the best thing to do. The fact that I am relatively free makes it difficult to decide.

V. Many bishops have visited us. Last Sunday Archbishop Yupink of Nanking dined here. Archbishop McGucken with Bishop Guilfoyle from San Francisco has also been here to tea recently. He is a glorious person and the visit was delightful. Today there is wonderful festivity & Santa Cecilia. Our bishop said Mass in the crypt and this evening at 5.30 Cardinal Meyer of Chicago whose titular Church it is, will offer Pontifical Mass. It is secretly expected that the Pope may come. The basilica looks heavenly. Now I must stop my chatting. Whenever I do return sooner or later, I am remembering your promise to bring me safely back. With cordial greetings, gratefully always Maria Buchele

Frau Maria Buchele,
12 Via Anicia,
(Trastevere) Rome, Italy
c/o MacMurrough

Terzo lembo da piegare

Primo lembo da piegare

Secondo lembo da piegare

PARMADALE
Children's Village of St. Vincent de Paul
CLEVELAND
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Nov. 24, 1962

Dear Father:

Miss Evelyn Gavin from New York city is a friend of mine. and she told my sister Mrs A. J. Chisholm is ask you to pray for the recovery of her voice.

I wanted to tell you Father her voice is much improved, she is able to speak, but the tone is not as normal as it could be.

I think your prayers to the Immaculate Heart of Mary have helped in her recovery

I am enclosing a donation for a holy Mass to be said in honor of Immaculate Heart of Mary and St Anthony Mary for special intention - success in an exam.

Sincerely
Sister M. Rosaria C.S.A.

el 13 deciembre 1962

Joaquin y Mary Tere Ruiz
Mariano Cube 39 2nd A
Barcelona, Espana

Mis queridos sobrinos Joaquin y Mary Tere Os deseo Felicicimas Pascuas de Navidad y muy prospera salida del ano en curso y entrada en el ano nuevo de 1963.

Agradezco en extremo todas tus hermosas cartas, Mary Tere, y por tu pacienca conmigo. Pido en todas mis oraciones por vuestra salud y bienestar y que Nuestro Senor os de siempre gracias eficaces para confrontar los problemas que cada dia se os presenten. Nuestro Senor ordena todo para nuestro bien. Vosotros buscais con corazon recto la santa voluntad de Dios. La Santa religion esta tan saturada en vuestras almas que es un placer leer vuestras cartas en las que mostrais muy evidentemente vuestras honda convicciones religiosas.

Continuare pidiendo a Nuestro Senor por medio del Corazon Inmaculado de Nuestra Santisima Madre y de San Antonio Maria Claret por la salud de vosotros dos Joaquin y Mary Tere y por la recta educacion de vuestras hijas tambien os preocupa muchisimo vuestro posible traslado de domicilio a Bilbao donde podreis atender mejor a la educacion de vuestros ninos. Pedire mucho por los negocios de Joaquin. No hay duda que Dios tiene mucha complacencia en vuestro hogar y por tanto nos abandonara. Claro esta que debemos hacer todo lo posible por nuestra parte y Dios hara lo demas.

En cuanto a mi toca me encuentro muy bien. Ya llevo aqui en la ciudad de Los Angeles mas de 14 anos continos. Vivo en el centro geografico de inmensa metropolis de Los Angeles que cada mes aumenta unos 50 mil a 60 mil habitantes.

Como tu Mary Tere fuiste muy carinosa con tu abuelita materna mi madre, te debo decir que me ayuda mucho con los enfermos que se me presentan para aliviar de sus enfermades y dolencias. He experimentado muchas veces que al invocar la intercesaion de mi madrecita y abuela tuya, Martha. Al instante desaparecen las dolencias de las personas enfermas al bendicerlas por su salud. Me ayudo mucho la madrecita con una nina de doce anos que tenia comido el mastoides de la parte derecha de su cabeza por la peor clase de cancer.y estaba desahuciada por los medicos. Esta ahora completamente bien y los huesos han crecido normales. Ya sido admitida en un Juniorado de Las Hermanas de San Jose de Orange. No quiero decir con esto que mi madrecita fue mas santa que otros pero Dios da diferente Santos a diferente personas para que intercedan por nosotros y no hay duda que los santos de nuestra misma familia son los mas interesados en ayudarnos delante de Dios.

Saludos a vuestras tres ninas Mari Tere, Mari Mar, y Mari Marta. Dios os bendiga ahora y siempre.

Vuestro tio que os ama de corazon,

CLARETIAN MISSIONARIES
1119 WESTCHESTER PLACE
LOS ANGELES 19, CALIFORNIA

PROVINCIAL HOUSE

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el 13 deciembre 1962

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Mariano Cube 39 2nd A
Barcelona, España

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Vuestro tio que os ama de corazon,

17 de diciembre 1962

Mi Querida Hermana Anastasia,

Te saludo con todo carino y en tu persona a tus hijas e hijo. Pido a Dios Nuestro Senor que os encontráis bien de salud y muy felices dentro de las posibilidades en nuestro mundo.

Cuantas veces recuerdo mis anos de infancia en el caserio de Orue. Que anos tan felices fueron en compania de tan buenos padres y hermanas y hermanos. Parece que todo fue hace muy poco tiempo pero como pasan los anos.

Cuanto me acuerdo de mi amadisimo hermano Ignacio. Era siempre tan bueno, tan noble, y tan trabajador. El fue tu amantisimo esposo querida hermana Anastasia, y el fue el padre de tus hijas e hijo. Ciertamente que Ignacio sigue des del cielo trabajando por su esposa y familia rogando mucho por nosotros.

Que Dios os de Felicisima Navidad y un Ano Nuevo de mucha prosperidad espiritual y material.

Tu afectisimo hermano y
tio de tus hijos,

el 17 de diciembre 1962

Mis Queridisimos Hermanos Anastasio y Julie y mi Queridisima Sobrina Nati,

Os deseo Felicisimas Pascuas de Navidad y prospero Ano Nuevo colmado de bendiciones de Dios. He pidido mucho a Nuestro Senor por vuestras intenciones. Me han gustado mucho vuestras cartas. Dios os ha bendicido en vuestro santo matrimonio con una hija de primera en Natichu. Las cartas de Natichu son un primor por su finura de sentimientos de amor para sus papas y de religosidad para con Dios y la Virgen Santisima. Teneis ciertamente un gran tesoro en Natichu.

Me encuentro muy bien y muy feliz, en esta inmensa urbe de Los Angeles que tiene dos millones y medio de habitantes y aumenta como 60,000 habitantes mas cada mes. Como gozaria Anastasio en una visita de turismo por los Estados Unidos y particular de California.

Dios os siga bendiciendo siempre. Yo no cesare de rogar por vosotros.

el 17 de diciembre 1962

Mis Queridisimos Hermanos Miguel y Maria,

Os saludo con todo carino y os deseo Felicisimas Pascuas de Navidad y muy prospero Ano Nuevo. Los mismo deseo a Maria Luisa y a Milagritos y a los esposos y a las familias de ellas.

Nuestro Senor os ha dado mucho y os ha pedido mucho. Nuestro Senor os dado mucho en vuestra familia tan admirable, dos hijas de primera y un hijo que vale por cien y mas. Este ano en curso ha sido un ano de grandes merecimientos para los habitantes del Chalet Ibarrondo de Galdacano. Dios Nuestro Senor y el Corazon Inmaculado de Maria os pidieron vuestra queridisimo Juan Luis para ser Religioso Sacerdote Misionero Hijo del Corazon Inmaculado de Maria, Salvador y Padre Espiritual de muchas almas y Santo. Todo esto va a ser vuestro hijo Juan Luis.

Que vosotros dos mi carisimos Miguel y Maria veais a vuestro hijo celebrar la Santa Misa y recibais la Sagrada Comunion de sus manos.

Me encuentro muy bien de salud y muy feliz. Que bien estaria que viajerais por aqui por una visita y pudierais ver las maravillas de los Estados Unidos sobre todo California, y en California la ciudad de Los Angeles que tiene dos millones y medio de habitantes. Resido en el centro geografica de esta ciudad por catorce anos continuos. Los Angeles aumenta unos 60,000 habitantes cada mes.

Continuare pidiendo por vuestra salud y felicidad y santidad.

Vuestro hermano,

el 17 de diciembre 1962

Mis Queridisimos Hermanos Vicente y Marcelina,

Os deseo Felicisimas Pascuas de Navidad y muy prospero Ano Nuevo. Nuestro Senor os ha bendicido mucho sobre todo con tres hijos de primera. Me alegro tambien mucho por la mejoria de la salud de Marcelina. No hay duda que nuestra madrecita Marta ha ayudado con sus oraciones delante de Dios a su hija Marcelina en cuya casa ella murio y volo al cielo.

Cuanto bendigo a Dios por vuestros hijos Angelchu, Javierchu y Pedrito. No hay duda que Dios os ha recompensado por vuestra gran bondad y por haber dado tan buena educacion a vuestros tres hijos. Angelchu fue siempre tan bueno con la abuelita Marta y ella ahora se lo esta pagando desde el cielo. Javierchu va resultar un gran ingeniero. Pedrito esta llamado a ser por divina vocacion Otro Jesus en la tierra. Pido mucho a Nuestro Senor en todas mis Misas por la vocacion Sacerdotal de Pedrito. Pido tambien que si es la voluntad de Dios que Pedrito se haga Claretiano como su primo Juan Luis. Confio que Nuestro Senor me ha de oir como me oyo con Juan Luis.

Me encuentro muy bien y muy feliz en la gran ciudad de Los Angeles que tiene dos millones y medio de habitantes. Ademas hay otras muchas ciudades alrrededor de Los Angeles que constituyen la tercera mayor metropolis del mundo. Bilbao y sus ciudades limitrofes constituyen un pequeno barrio en comparacion de Los Angeles. Como me gustaria que vinierais por aqui por una visita.

Te gustara, Marcelina, saber que nuestros papas me ayudan mucho con los enfermos sobre todo nuestra madrecita. Me ha pasado muchas veces que apenas invoco la intercesion de ella delante de Dios los enfermos que me vienen con sus dolencias se alivian de sus dolores instantaneamente. Con esto no quiero decir que nuestra mama sea mas santa que otros santos. Quiero significar que Nuestro Senor da diferentes Santos a diferentes personas para su especial ayudar y no hay duda que los Santos de nuestra familia, particularmente, nuestros papas, estan llamados por Dios para ayudarnos especialmente.

Dios os bendiga mucho con mucha salud y felicidad y santidad.

el 17 de diciembre 1962

Mis Queridos Hermanos Pedro y Poli,

Os deseo Felicisimas Pascuas de Navidad y muy prospero Ano Nuevo. Recibi tu muy hermosa carta querida hermana y me alegro mucho con tus buenas nuevas.

Escribo tambien ahora a Mari Terre y Francisco. Bendigo mucho a Dios por haberos dado una hija y un hijo de primera. Los dos, Mari Terre y Francisco, han de constituir vuestra gran gozo y alegria en los anos por venir como lo han sido hasta ahora.

Me encuentro bien de salud y muy feliz. Mucho me gustaria que pudierais visitar los Estados Unidos, sobre todo California y en California la ciudad de Los Angeles que tiene dos millones y medio de habitantes y aumenta unos 60,000 habitantes cada mes. Vivo en el mero centro de Los Angeles como el Padre Josechu les habra explicado. Ya hace catorce anos que estoy en la misma residencia.

Como indique a Mari Tere nuestra madrecita Marta me ayuda mucho con los enfermos y tambien nuestro papacito Ramon. Invocadles en vuestras necesidades con asegurídad de que os han de ayudar mucho. Seguire pidiendo mucho por vosotros dos mis carisimos hermanos, Pedro y Poli.

Vuestro hermano,

el 18 de diciembre 1962

Mi Querida Sobrina Mari Nati,

Te deseo Felicisimas Pascuas de Navidad y feliz entrada en el Ano Nuevo. Me han gustado mucho tus cartas. Sigueme escribiendo.

Tienes un alma muy religiosa y te alumbra claramente la santa virtud de la Fe. Pido a Nuestro Senor por las intenciones que me has indicado en tus cartas. No te desanimes. Tenemos que luchar en esta vida. Como eres tan buena Dios y la Virgen te han de asistir.

He escrito unas 5,000 tarjetas de felicitacion estos dias de Navidad a mi clientela espiritual. La imagen de esta tarjeta es copia del Corazon de Maria que hice pintar hace unos once anos. Digo la Santa Misa todas las mananas a las seis y media delante de esta imagen. Como te gusta?

Tu tio,

el 18 de diciembre 1962

Mis queridisimos hermanos Francisco, Rita y Familia,

Os deseo Felicisimas Pascuas de Navidad y feliz entrada en el Ano Nuevo de 1963.

Ruego mucho por ti mi queridisimo hermano Francisco y por toda tu familia. Me alegro mucho que las cosas vayan mucho mejor contigo. Que sigas prosperando de dia en dia. Sige los buenos consejos que el Padre Josechu te ha ido dando. Ya se que te entiendes muy bien con el.

Espero que la salud de Rita y de las ninas siga sin tropiezos de enfermedadecontando con la santa voluntad de Dios.

Tu hermano que de corazon
te ama,

el 18 de diciembre 1962

Mis Queridos Sobrinos Angel y Esther y Familia,

Os deseo Felicisimas Pascuas de Navidad y un Anos Nuevo de mucha prosperidad, salud, alegria y santidad.

Tantas veces os debia haber escrito en contestacion a vuestras cartas al comunicarme las buenas nuevas de vuestra joven familia.

Siento siempre una especial simpatia por ti Angelchu porque fuiste tan atento y servicial con tu abuelita materna. Nuestro Senor te bendice en tu hojar y en tus negocios y sobre todo en tu alma y en las almas de Esther y de vuestros ninos.

Cuenta siempre con mis oraciones y con mi mas profundo gratitud.

Vuestro tio,

el 18 de diciembre 1962

Reverendo Jose Maria Ellacuria, C.M.F.,

Felicisimas Pascuas de Navidad y prospero y muy santo Ano Nuevo. He recibido tus gratas cartas con el anuncio que vas a Puerto Rico al principios de Enero. Tendre cuidado de que te remitan las Misas a la nueva direccion.

Me gusto mucho la critica que los Anales de la Congregacion han heco sobre tu libro. Te enviado por adelantado cuaranta dolares de La Beca que empezo la Senorita Virginia Hernandez. Con esto seran la suma de ochenta dolares.

Pido mucho por ti. He recibido una carta hermosasde Juan Luis. Escribo unas notitas a toda la familia.

Tu hermano,

el 18 de diciembre 1962

Don Jose Benito Ellacuria,

Queridisimo tio, te saludo con todo carino y te deseo Felicisimas Pascuas de Navidad y prospero y santo Ano Nuevo. Te encomiendo simepre en mis oraciones juntamente con toda tu familia. Saludas cordialmente a todos nuestros familiares y parientes de la Republica Argentina.

Me encuentro muy bien y muy feliz en esta gran metropolis de Los Angeles que tiene dos millones y medio de habitantes y que aumenta como unos 60,000 habitantes cada mes.

Dispensa mi brevedad tengo unas cinco mil felicitaciones que tengo que enviar estos dias.

Tu sobrino que mucho te quiere,

el 18 de diciembre 1962

Mis queridisimos sobrinos Francisco y Esther y Familia,

Os deseo Felicisimas Pascuas de Navidad y prospero y santo Ano Nuevo. Me alegro mucho con las hermosas nuevas que me dicen de ti Francisco. Tu tio Josechu me habla siempre tan satisfecho de ti.

Que Dios te siga bendiciendo mas y mas a ti, a tu esposa y a tus ninas. Que tus negocios vayan siempre de bien en mejor.

Puedes siempre contar con mis oraciones y con todo mi carino.

Tu tio,

el 18 de diciembre 1962

Mi Querida Sobrina Milagritos, Esposo y Familia,

Felicisimas Pascuas de Navidad os deseo de todo corazon, lo mismo que un prospero Ano Nuevo lleno de bendiciones de Dios para vuestra salud corporal que espero en Dios se mejore. Tambien os deseo muchas bendiciones espirituales para la santificacion de vuestro hogar tan profundamente Cristiano. Me dice mama que tu salud, Milagritos no es tan buena y tus nenitas estan algo delgadillas. Mucho pedire a Nuestro Senor para que vuestra salud sea mejor.

Me encuentro muy bien y muy contento y vuestras oraciones me han de ayudar mucho para mi santificacion y salvacion de muchas almas.

Vuestro tio que os ama de corazon,

el 18 de diciembre 1962

Mis Queridos Sobrinos Maria Luisa, Juan y Familia,

Os deseo Felicisimas Pascuas de Navidad y feliz salida del ano viejo y entrada en el nuevo. Mucho deseo que tu salud, Maria Luisa, se mejore y seguire rogando por esta intencion.

He recibido una hermosa carta de tu mama y aquel mismo dia recibi en el mismo correo otra de Juan Luis. Te agradezco mucho porque has puesto el nombre de Juan Luis a tu nino. Esperamos que cuando crezca tu nino sera el Reverendo Padre Juan Luis, III.

Que tal te gusta esta tarjeta? Es la copia litografiada del cuadro del corazon de Maria que mande pintar hace unos once anos y delante del cual digo Misa todos los dias. He hecho unas 5,000 copias de estas tarjetas para enviarlas estas Navidades a mi clientela espiritual. El original de este cuadro se pinto bajo la direccion de San Antonio Maria Claret el ano 1870 y esta en nuestra Basilica Internacional de Roma. Este es el cuadro oficial del Corazon de Maria para los Claretianos.

Adios, vuestro tio,

12 Via Aricia,
Rome, December 19, 1962.

Dear Reverend Father,

Your beautiful letter filled my heart with gratitude. I am glad that you approve of a Life of St. Cecilia. She is one of the reasons for my prolonged stay here. Msgr. Dioguisi has made me the gift of a relic of her. It is a piece of her veil, which was saturated with her blood. But now I am puzzled as to the reliquary of St. Anthony Claret. If I am to do St. Cecilia, I must remain here longer & it is not certain when I shall return to America; and if I stop as I should in Paris & London there may be some difficulty in taking it with me. I do want you to have it, and I hope that you will like it. Had I better have it sent after all? It will probably reach you before I can, if I remain for St. Cecilia. I have also a hesitancy of flying at this season. As to the other relics & reliquaries, Msgr. Diocisi has assured me again that he does not forget and that they will reach you for Christmas. I hope so, although I am still uneasy about it. However I must leave it to him as I cannot urge him further. He is so extremely kind.

As my little Christmas messenger I am enclosing the miraculous Bambino of the Ara Coeli. May He bring you many blessings and make your Christmas happy and fill it with light! May the New Year be a blessed one to you!

With cordial greetings to you and all your community.

Believe me, dear Father Hopkins,

Gratefully,

Maria Buchele

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Believe me, dear Father Aloysius,

Gratefully,

Maria Buehrle c.s.m.

Our Lady of Mercy School

SOUTHFIELD & CURTIS

DETROIT 35, MICHIGAN

Feast of Saint John Baptist, 1962

Reverend and dear Father Aloysius:

It has been so long since I last wrote you, Father, that I feel I should introduce myaself at the beginning. You may remember a Sister of Mercy whom you met in the early 1940's at Mrs. Schultejaan's in Elmhurst. At that time you were generous to the extreme in offerings your prayers for me, and I know that I have been the beneficiary of many graces because of your kindness.

In March, I had a call from Evelyn Gavin of Cleveland, who told me she would soon visit you. How I envied her! Every year until her death, Mrs. Lillian McGraw would write me that she had asked your Blessing for me. For all these precious remembrances, dear Father, I am very appreciative.

This past week, I was blessed in meeting for the first time, and in having an hour with Mother Celeine Teresa of Oklahoma Carmel. Imagine my delight when she told me of her visita with you, and of your help to her Sisters. I know I should not ask for anything as God takes wonderful care of me, but I do want to tell you of my anxiety and to beg your Blessing.

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For over seven years I have been a diebetic with high blood pressure. During Lent I had to leave my teaching here to be hospitalized for regulation on insulin. Since then, my good doctor cannot get me stabilized as the sugar count continues to vary with every test. He called in a consultant and ordered numerous tests, but to no avail.

As I begin my summer teaching this week, I am anxious to give my best to my community. Will youplease ask God to allow me to do His Work well? The Little Flower of Jesus has remained my continual friend all these years, so much so that I depend on her intercession for all she sees I need daily.

The enclosed was given to me in thanksgiving for favors receieved by LF's clients. Please accept it for a Mass of Thanksgiving when it is convenient for you to offer one.

I know you must be very busy as Local Superior of the Monastery; I promise to remember you at Mass and Holy Hour on the Feast of the Sacred Heart/

Please send me tour Blessing, Father, and remember me and my intentions when you pray for sinners.

Very gratefully yours in Mary's and L.F.'s love

Sister Mary Esther, R.D.M.